

New Trend in Education Bans Homework

Report Cards, Truant Officers Held Menaces to 'Social Growth'

SACRAMENTO—Father, who always has trouble getting his check book balanced anyway, won't have to worry about little Oscar's arithmetic lessons in the future—the state department of education has turned thumbs down on homework.

Informally, it was hinted father never was much help; he frequently got the wrong answers.

The foregoing trends in elementary education were disclosed this week by Miss Helen Heffernan, chief of the division of elementary education, who said California school children were on the way to a 30-hour week.

Parents Take Holiday
It is not considered cricket any more to have children tug home an armful of school books—they put in a full day in the classroom, it is felt among the more advanced members of the teaching profession. Besides, think of the relief to parents, who probably long since have let long division take a holiday.

Miss Heffernan was sure homework soon will be as old fashioned as the celluloid collar.

"Husky brick layers are working only thirty hours a week now," she said. "Why expect a young child to study all day at school and then spend half the night at books? It is more important that a child's attention be directed into the proper literary or musical channels during leisure hours so that a proper background can be obtained."

1937 Model Given
From Oscar's point of view the new deal in education is all to the good any way you care to figure it.

Take the modern report cards. Time was when the celebrated three R's were set down just so, with never an extenuating circumstance to explain away a low grade.

But have a look at the 1937 model, a fair sample of which is the report for grades four to eight, of the Siskiyou county elementary schools. Listed are Social Growth, Work Habits, Health Habits and other newcomers to the elementary education field.

Alibis for Failure
Under Reading a space may be found in which is recorded "understand what he reads, retains what he reads, and reads reasonably fast."

Writing is rated according to legibility, form and speed. There also are records for Music, Art, Science, Industrial or Domestic Arts and special subjects in which a pupil may have demonstrated a special aptitude.

Gone, too, in modern learning is the oldtime "booky" officer. He is now known as a supervising welfare officer, who no longer recommends that a pupil get the daylight whaled out of him for ditching class, but checks up on the individual's background to see why he or she does not like to go to school.

It was suggested the pupil, armed with an elaborate card broken down into various categories, might thus be equipped with several airtight alibis for failure to do good work.

Eliminate Report Cards
Miss Heffernan disagrees emphatically. She says the new design for reporting enables par-

Belvedere Becomes E. Los Angeles

"East Los Angeles" is to become the official name of the area now known as Belvedere Gardens, under an order that went forward to the county department heads this week from the board of supervisors.

This does not mean that there has been another annexation to the city of Los Angeles, which probably has more annexations to its credit than any other city, at least any other city of its age, it was explained at the Hall of Records.

The area that is variously known as Belvedere, Belvedere Gardens and Laguna has a combined population of some 75,000 persons, and is declared to be the largest unincorporated locality in the world.

ents and teachers to reach a closer rapprochement than ever was the case in the woodshed and strapping era.

In fact, she said some counties, Santa Barbara for example, have done away with report cards entirely.

"Today's teaching in the California elementary schools at least, is done from the standpoint of emphasis on social growth," Miss Heffernan said. "Maybe that makes it impossible in one sense to get a 'bad' report card, but we do not think so."

Public Invited to Scout Events

The annual first aid demonstration and monthly Court of Honor will be combined by Torrance Boy Scouts into an interesting free entertainment to be held in the Civic Auditorium Nov. 16. Permission to use the building was granted Leonard Babcock, district commissioner, by the city council Tuesday night.

Babcock wrote that in addition to the demonstration and awarding of merit badges, the local Scout troops will present an entertaining program. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

Judge Substitutes Gardening for 'Daily-Dozen'

Mrs. Robert Lessing told friends that she and her husband the city judge are just about completely settled in their new home on North Beech street except that Judge Lessing has changed his mind about his morning "daily dozen" exercises. Now the magistrate is taking his work-out in fixing up his lawn. The Lessings recently purchased one of S. H. Yerlan's fine three-bedroom homes thru B. C. Buxton, realtor at 1960 Torrance boulevard.

1937 Red Cross Poster



THE Red Cross annual roll call poster is the second he has painted for the Red Cross, thus joining a long list of distinguished artists who since the World War years have illustrated the spirit of the Red Cross in the call for memberships. Red Cross roll call begins Armistice Day and ends Thanksgiving Day.

Loyola End Coach to Address Rotary

Principal speaker at tonight's Rotary club dinner-meeting in the Legion clubhouse will be Manfred H. "Mannie" Vezie, assistant coach at Loyola University. An accomplished speaker, he is expected to give club members and their guests a coach's insight into the current grid-

iron campaigns thruout the nation.

Vezie is considered one of the best end coaches on the Pacific coast. He was one of Notre Dame's great players and after his graduation from the South Bend, Indiana, school he remained there to coach the ends for "Hunk" Anderson. He recently came to Loyola to become associated with another Notre Dame great, Coach Tom Lieb.

Ban Drilling in Alondra Park

County officials have no authority to lease county park areas for oil drilling, County Spence Turner, explained today in answering a query as to whether Alondra Park north of Torrance could be leased for that purpose.

A bill was introduced at the last Legislature to authorize the supervisors to lease the park for oil drilling, but it failed to pass, Turner explained in answering a question raised by Raymond J. Schallert of Redondo Beach, a property owner in the A. and I. district adjoining the park site.

Various ideas have been advanced to obtain revenue from the Alondra Park lands to relieve the heavy burden being carried by property owners in the old Mattoon Act district, but none of them has worked out as yet. One of the last ones was a proposal to raise perfume flowers on the park lands, a tract of more than 300 acres on Riveside-Redondo boulevard.

LEAVES FOR SEASON

Congressman Charles J. Cullen left last evening for Washington, D. C., to attend the special session of Congress called by President Roosevelt for Nov. 1. Cullen's office in the Federal building at San Pedro will remain open until Nov. 13.

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