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Reading Topic Of Monthly Teachers Meet

The monthly general teachers meeting of Torrance City School District was conducted yesterday afternoon in Walteria school.

The topic of the meeting was "Reading," and it was conducted by Miss Helen Wack, formerly director of the Reading Clinic of Iowa University. The teachers of grades through 3 met with Miss Wack at 3 p.m. and those of grades 4 through 8 at 4:15 p.m. Topics are chosen each month by the teachers.

According to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull, meetings will be held at the various schools in order to acquaint all teachers with the various school plants in the city. The first was held in Torrance elementary school.

G.I. Students Pay Mailed

Of the approximately 50,000 World War II veterans enrolled for the fall semester in schools of the Los Angeles County area, about 35,000 will have received their initial subsistence checks by Nov. 1 and another 11,000 will receive checks around Nov. 15, L. C. Chapman, manager of the Veterans Administration Los Angeles Regional office said today.

An additional 7,000 or less, Chapman said, will not receive their subsistence checks until about Nov. 20, due to late enrollments. Some will not receive checks until a still later date due to the veterans not obtaining eligibility certificates from the VA, failing to turn in their certificates promptly to the institutions, necessity for transferring their folders from other VA Regional offices, and overpayments which must be deducted by VA before subsistence can be paid.

Changes of address by veterans in school should be reported to the VA at once, Chapman stated, to avoid further delay in subsistence checks.

9TH GRADER IN L.A. SCHOOLS WHO CAN'T READ, WRITE, IS GIVEN PROBATION BY JUDGE

The startling fact that some students in Los Angeles schools virtually complete their grammar school education without learning to read or write was revealed this week in a criminal case before Superior Judge Orlando H. Rhodes.

A 20-year-old Venice youth, theft, stood before Judge Rhodes and explained he could not submit a written application for probation because he could neither read nor write, although he claimed to have completed the ninth grade of formal education in Venice high school.

The County Probation Department, skeptical of the youth's claims, investigated and confirmed most of his story, and additional confirmation was given by Principal Homer K. Watson of Venice high school. Principal Watson said, however, that school records showed the boy had actually completed only the first semester of the seventh grade and had started the last semester when he quit school. The principal admitted, however, that there are isolated cases of boys and girls reaching the seventh and eighth grades in the Los Angeles City School system without learning to read and write.

"According to the theory of education followed by Los Angeles city schools," Watson explained, "it is thought best to advance these backward children with the rest of their class, thus keeping them with boys and girls of their own chronological age, size and maturity, rather than to leave them with boys and girls with whom they will feel out of place."

"We grant these backward cases special promotions in the hope that in the early part of their junior high school career (seventh and eighth grades) they will learn to read and write. If the child is seen definitely to be a hopeless case, he or she is transferred to a remedial class for teaching of the fundamentals."

The probation officer said he was inclined to attribute the youth's lack of ambition to illiteracy. He said the defendant wanted to "pay his debt to society and then he wants to attend night school where he can learn to read and write."

In view of the investigator's report and the fact that the youth already had effected partial restitution for damages to the car, Judge Rhodes granted full probation for a period of three years. A condition of probation stated that the youth must pay a \$200 fine and not associate with another youth who had assisted him in the theft of the car and was appearing as a defendant in the case.

Death Claims Cora Cheney

Mrs. Cora Cheney, widow of Harry Cheney, internationally known city planner, who planned both Torrance and Palms Verdes Estates, died recently in Washington, according to reports received here.

Late of Palms Verdes Estates, Mrs. Cheney was the mother of four children: Warren, Charlotte, William and Frances. William Cheney died in his youth. Mrs. Cheney was instrumental in bringing many fine musical programs to this area and was active in many cultural and community projects.

Willson To Appear In LA

Meredith Willson, famed composer-conductor will officiate as honorary chairman and guest conductor at Polytechnic high school auditorium, Los Angeles, Saturday evening, Nov. 15 when the Salvation Army brings out the best it has to offer in musical talent.

Three great bands, a half dozen soloists, choral specialties featuring music composed and published exclusively by the Salvation Army for use by Salvationist musical aggregations. Complimentary reserved seats tickets are available upon application to the Salvation Army, 832 W. Ninth st., or by telephoning TRinity 5571. Lieutenant-Colonel Russell E. Clarke, Southern California divisional commander, extends a general invitation.

Carrow In Army School

Corporal Robert A. Carrow, son of Mrs. M. L. Hartley of 913 Madrid Ave., has been sent to the 24th Infantry Division School Center and placed in the Signal School to be specialized for his occupational assignment with the 24th Infantry Regiment. The 24th Infantry Division which is the principal occupying force on the Island of Kyushu.

Cpl. Carrow entered the Army on October 3, 1946. He received basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, prior to his overseas assignment in Japan. He arrived in Japan on Jan. 22, 1947, and a few days later on Jan. 27, was received into the 24th Division and assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment.

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CITIZENS ASKED TO PROTEST V. A. HOSPITAL ACTION

Veterans and veterans organizations throughout the area are protesting the action of the Veterans Administration in reducing the capacity of Southern California veterans hospitals by 1600 beds when there is a waiting list of some 100,000 wounded vets who need hospitalization.

The Redondo Beach and Torrance American Legion posts are urging citizens to write to Congressman Cecil R. King, Senators William Knowland and Sheridan Downey protesting the reduction in the number of beds in hospitals in this area.

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Scout Hall Open House Set Sunday

The Harbor area's newest and finest Scout building will be open for the community's inspection next Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Ken Miller, president of the Lomita Kiwanis Club announced this week.

Official dedication of the recently completed Lomita Kiwanis Scout hall at 24822 Narbonne ave. will be held the following Tuesday with high club officials from district and division attending.

More than 500 persons are expected to accept the club's invitation to attend the open house function and partake of refreshments prepared by the Scout Mothers.

The new Scout hall here was recently completed as a club project for the benefit of area Scouting organizations. The Harbor District annual installation dinner was held there Monday night.

Visitors from various Harbor area cities will be on hand Sunday for a look at the new structure which was built from donations both of club members and of private citizens.

Sandwiches, coffee, cake and punch will be served to guests as they make their inspection tour.

The entire populace is invited to the open house, Miller stressed.

Club dignitaries throughout the California-Nevada district and Division 13 will be present for Tuesday night's official session. Attendance at the dedication dinner is by invitation only.

Norman Abbott, governor of the district, and Don Tierney, lieutenant governor, Division 13, will address the gathering.

Lomita Kiwanis club members and wives will attend.

Reception committee for the dedication is composed of John Holm, Dr. M. C. Woods, Meade Ferguson, Guy Cable and Phil Osborne. The program committee members include C. P. Lyon, Ferguson and Fred Bobo. Decorations will be handled by Jack Merrill, Jack Neatherly and Hugo Schmidt.

Harold Hall will head the group in charge of the open house.

The building was constructed under the direction of a committee composed of John Holm, chairman; Glenn Keith, Les Steigh, Martin Pedersen and Hugo Schmidt.

TEACHERS NEEDING HOUSING APPEAL FOR RENTALS HERE

The housing problems of many of the teachers of Torrance City School District remain unsolved, it was revealed yesterday.

Three teachers, single women, are in need of small homes or apartments, that they may live within their means.

Persons having accommodations have been asked to call the administrative offices, telephone 1653.

MILSTEIN TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION AT UNIVERSITY

Abe Milstein, music director for the Torrance City School District and Torrance High School, has been selected to give a woodwind instrument demonstration at the Band and Orchestra Directors Association of Southern California meeting at U.C.L.A. on Dec. 13.

Milstein, an expert with the clarinet and other woodwind instruments, will demonstrate before music directors of all schools, from elementary through the colleges, at the meeting.

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Ride Bikes On Right Of Road, Policeman Says

Ride your bicycles only on the right side of the road or highway and obey all traffic regulations, was the warning given by Sgt. William Haslam, Torrance Police department, to Walteria elementary school students when he spoke to two school assemblies on Friday.

Contrary to much public opinion it is both illegal and dangerous to ride a bicycle on the left hand side of the roadway. "It is safer," the sergeant said, "for boys and girls to ride with the traffic rather than against it. Drivers can see the bike riders better when they are going in the same direction as other traffic. If a bicycle is operated on the left side against traffic and where cars are parked along the curb, the rider has one of two choices. He can remain close to the parked cars and hope the oncoming traffic will veer away from him or he can turn out to the middle of the road and hope that the center of the road is clear. Either of these decisions can cause a serious accident."

"He also warned students not to carry passengers on their bicycles as it is a contributing cause to many accidents. It is also against the regulations on traffic safety as set down in the vehicle code.

"It is also wise for bicyclists to dismount at intersections and walk their bicycles across. They are then pedestrians and have the right-of-way," he added.

In closing his talk Sergeant Haslam made a plea for all boys and girls to register their bicycles at the Police department. The description is taken, as is the serial number, and in case of loss or theft the bicycle can be readily identified.

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Births to Torrance and Lomita parents during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Douglas, 1317 Crenshaw blvd., boy, 11:47 p.m., November 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lohn, 1508 W. 253rd st., girl, 7:28 p.m., October 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rivera, 28 203rd st., boy, 1:40 a.m., November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. White, 802-H Sartori ave., girl, 7:32 a.m., November 9.

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