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Alcohol and Narcotic Education in Schools

The California State Education Code, Section 8253, says with reference to instruction on alcohol and narcotics: "Instruction shall be given to all grades of school and in all classes during the entire school course, in manners and morals. Instruction upon the nature of alcohol and narcotics and their effects upon the human system as determined by science shall be included in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools. The governing board of the district shall adopt regulations specifying the grade or grades and the course or courses in which such instruction with respect to alcohol and narcotics shall be included.'

Local Responsibility Empasized

The last sentence in the Code Section cited above was enacted by the 1952 session of the California Legislature, while I was a Member of the Assembly Committee on Education. It places the responsibility on the governing board of the school district to adopt regulations specifying the grade or grades and the course or courses in which such instruction shall be included. The recommendations of the State Department of Education with reference to instructions upon the nature of alcohol and its effects upon the human system are found on page 51 of a bulletin, published by the California State Department of Education, entitled: "Alcohol—The Study of the Current Problem," sold by the State Department of Education from its office in Sacramento for twenty-five cents per copy, if I remember right, but send them thirty cents if you want one, just to be sure you get it. Please do not ask for a free copy because I do not have any free copies. The State of California does not provide for Members of the Legislature getting free pamphlets like the United States Congress does.

Tobacco Instruction in Schools

No specific requirement is found in the Education Code with reference to instruction about the effects of tobacco upon the human organism. Through the generous offer of Mrs. Clarence Gasque of Los Angeles, the California State Department of Education distributed copies of the bulletin entitled "Tobacco and Health," by Steinhaus and Grunderman, to all secondary schools in the State in 1950. The State Board of Education has taken the following action in regard to the use of tobacco, alcohol and narcotics on the school grounds or elsewhere on the part of students. (Rules and Regulations No. 24:

"Principals and teachers shall exercise careful supervision over the moral conditions of their respective schools. Gambling, immorality, profanity, frequenting public pool rooms, the use of tobacco, narcotics and intoxicating liquors on the school grounds, or elsewhere on the part of pupils shall not be tolerated."

The Front Steps of the Post Office

When I was a very little boy living in a small town in Iowa, I envied the men with the big gold watch chains who got their mail out of boxes at the Post Office. I decided that when I grew up I would wear a big gold watch chain and get my mail out of boxes like they did. Somehow or other I never realized these ambitions until about a year ago when I moved into an apartment house where the mail boxes are too small to hold anything more than bills from the telephone company. Since my mail is very bulky and each day I get between twenty and thirty pounds of letters, circulars and bulletins, I had a good reason to rent the Post Office Box No. 777, which is now becoming almost as well known as my bald head and my double-pronged fight against Communists and those who sell or give narcotics to children.

Almost every day, between 8:30 and 9 a.m., I park my car near the Inglewood Post Office, climb the steps, enter the lobby and take the letters out of the box. There is usually a colored card which says I must ask a clerk for bulky mail. He hands it to me and usually asks: "What have you done lately about raising the pay of postal employees?" I reply that I have written to the two United States Senators about it, sort the mail, throw out most of the advertising circulars and go out the front door. There, waiting for me are lawyers, Bud Nuharth of the Chamber of Commerce, real estate men, insurance agents and sometimes Ernie Miller, the butcher. These men, and others of all occupations, tell me what they think about State Government and what they want done. I do what I can for them, go home and answer the mail from Westchester, Playa del Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates and Catalina Island. I do not have a large gold watch chain, but I do have a Post Office box and out of it comes the heartbeat of America, the hopes and aspirations, and sometimes the scoldings of the men and women of these little towns in our district.

Tijuana Lions To Visit Local Club for Dinner

The Good Neighbor policy will be put to work in Torrance Tuesday June 8 when the Torrance Lions Club hosts the Lions from Tijuana, Mexico, at a dinner meeting in the Alan-Richard Hall.

Mayor Nickolas Drale will present the key to the city to the president of the Tijuana Club to help the Lions cement good relations between the two cities.

Paul Loranger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will attend as a guest to greet the some 30 members of the Mexican club who will travel to Torrance for the affair.

Following a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., dinner will be held, with professional entertainment to follow. Linei Kay and Co., a troupe of magicians, will provide the entertainment.

The visiting club, which is composed of prominent Tijuana businessmen, will be repaying a visit by the Torrance club to Tijuana two years ago. It will be the first time that Torrance has hosted a club from outside of the United States.

June 11 Last Day of Class For Schools

The last day of classes for all schools in the Torrance Unified School District will be June 11, according to Warren W. Hamilton, director of special services for the School District.

All bus riders at Torrance High School will attend class between 8:10 a.m. and 12 noon. Students that walk will attend between 8:10 a.m. and 12 noon. Students that walk will attend between 8:50 a.m. and 12:39 p.m.

The regular sessions of the elementary schools will attend between 9 and 10 a.m. All morning 10 a.m.

In any elementary school where there is a deviation from this schedule, the slate of classes will be announced by the school.

MAIL FOR KNIGHT . . Councilman Willys G. Blount (left) hands the first carton of letters addressed to Torrance Democrats to Torrance for Knight Chairman Donald Armstrong. Blount, as head of Torrance Democrats for Knight, plans to mail about 8000 letters to Democrats of the area.

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