Students Call on Experts for Data

Do firemen really wear red suspenders?

Do policemen like to ride motorcycles?

How fast did World War I airplanes fly?

Questions like these have been posed by Torrance elementary school children recently, as they quetied speakers who appeared before several local school classes.

Although students get lots of information from books, and movies, and other instructional aides, they sometimes get the chance to get first-hand information from experts. Special speakers on various subjects under study in school often speak to classes.

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FOR INSTANCE, kindergarteners at Perry School recently turned the tables on a Los Angeles motorcycle officer. Richard Stephens, whose daughter, Susan, attends school there. They grilled him to find out what a policeman does. Eagerly questioning the officers were the classes taught by Mmes. Barbara Watwood, Joyce Wallner, Evelyn Warnell, and Margaret Jacubowsky.

A Torrance fireman, John Perriolo, was quizzed by Arlington School kindergarteners (including his own son, John) on how firemen fight fires. He brought his helmet, trousers, and boots along to show the class. The next day, Mrs. Edna Wright's class toured the Torrance Fire Station.

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POSTMAN ROY McCutchen told Carr School third grade students and their teacher, Miss Christine Longworth, about the delivery of mail as a part of the class study of the post office.

A stripped-down World War I airplane was eagerly studied by Mrs. Unamae Neally's fourth, fifth, and sixth grade class at Steele School recently. They heard P. T. Hood, local resident whose hobby is planes, tell how he is rebuilding the ancient plane so that it can fly again. The visit was part of the class study of transportation.

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MRS. GENEVA Shehan's seventh grade class at Carr School got in an Irish mood. Their study of Ireland was climaxed by the appearance of a pianist, Jack Vaughn, who played for an "Irish Musical Festival." Youngsters joined in singing well-known songs of Erin.

First-hand impressions of life in the troubled Middle East were given seventh and eighth graders at Parkway School by Mohamed Dhrod, Long Beach State College student from Amman, Jordan. A political science major, he discussed the history, customs, and problems of his homeland. He talked to the classes of Larry Miller and Dan Alvieh.

MARIO CONTE, Italian consulate employe, is slated to tell about his country before the sixth and seventh grade class taught by Herman Boodman at Fern Greenwood School soon. The class has been studying Italy as part of a social studies unit on Europe.

Mrs. Marie Voorhees' eighth grade class at Fern Greenwood School saw movies on Africa and Europe, as well as the experiences of Meral Hinshaw, local resident who has made several business trips to the area. His son, Gordon, attends Fern Greenwood.

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CANADA WAS the topic of discussion in sixth grade classes at Riviera School, as School Personnel Director Robert Morton discussed his visit to America's northern neighbor. The classes of Miss Susan Waters and Dale Coogan heard the talk and saw the pictures.

The East will be the subject of interest in Mrs. Marie Hoffert's second grade class at Riviera School soon.

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