

Fathers Take Over for Day at Co-op Nursery School



BUDDING ARTIST . . . Billy Campillo tries his hand at the easel to demonstrate facilities of the Torrance Co-op School to his father, Bill, who is president of the school. The easel, like many of the school's facilities, was constructed by a father member.

Mothers Take Day Off, Let Dad Try Hand

The fathers had it all to themselves last week end as they took over the duties at the Torrance Co-op Nursery School at 4558 W. 182nd St. for the day.

Fathers were brought in to participate in a phase of parent education "which is primarily the province of the mothers," according to Mrs. Alvin Kaye, teacher at the school.

A once-a-year event, the fathers were sole assistants to the teacher during the Saturday program. They supervised the use of arts, crafts, and play material by the children; and they had the opportunity to observe the children's work and play habits as well as the social relationships which they assumed toward individuals and the group, Mrs. Kaye said.

THE TEACHER described the fathers-day event as a learning situation for the fathers as well as the children.

"It will help them to understand better their children, and it gives the child an opportunity to 'take daddy to school' and have him alone for one morning," Mrs. Kaye said.

The fathers spent two hours at the school, reporting in at 9:30 a.m., and in addition to supervising the crafts and

other school projects, assumed such motherly duties as keeping the noses on the little moppets properly toweled and other sundry duties.

NORMALLY, the preschoolers meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Monday through Thursday as an adult education workshop in child study under the sponsorship of the Torrance Adult Education office.

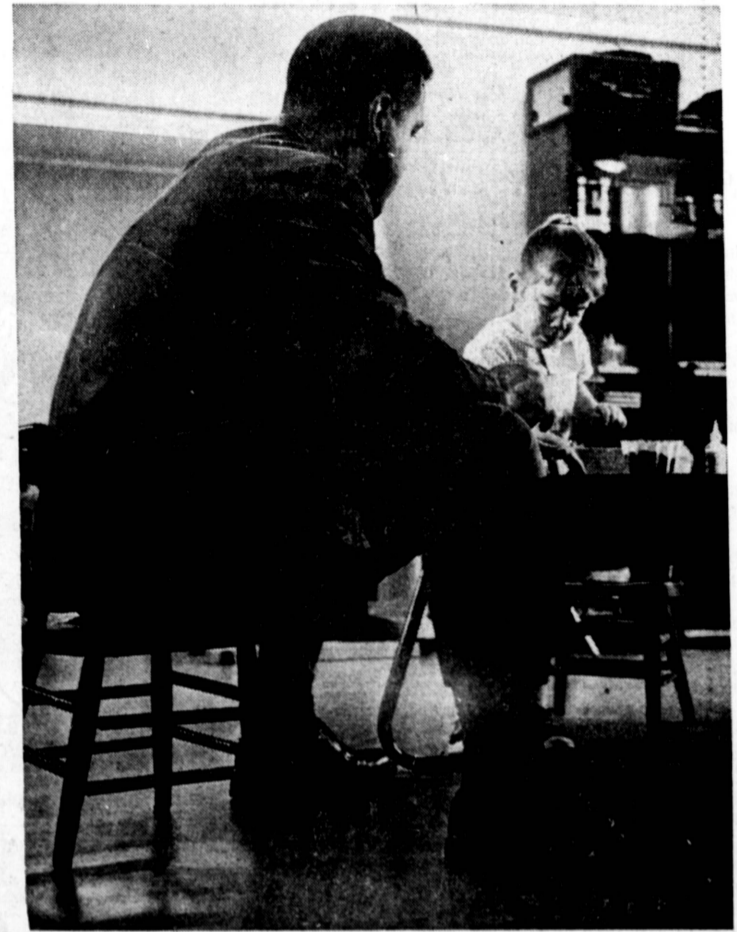
Evening meetings include talks by experts in the fields of child growth, psychology, teaching, and pediatrics. Mothers serve as assistants to Mrs. Kaye one morning each week, and both parents are invited to attend three evening meetings a month.

THE ROLE of fathers, in addition to the evening meetings, is normally relegated to the construction and maintenance of equipment used at the school, and each father is scheduled to donate three hours a month to such activities.

Parents assume administrative roles such as purchasing, publicity, secretarial, library, financial, and other committee assignments.

WILLIAM CAMPILLO of Torrance is currently president of the group.

Another father, William Susoeff, contributed his share to the fathers' day event last weekend. He took all the pictures shown here.



SUPERVISOR . . . Dick Turner occupies a nursery school chair while watching 4-year-old daughter Jenny at the crafts table. Turner, former Torrance High and El Camino football star, is now football coach at Santa Monica High.



DEMONSTRATION . . . Bill Rickett tries his hand with one of the hand puppets at the preschool nursery operated by the Torrance Co-op Nursery. His quacking duck amuses Rickett's son, Ricky during the fathers' day event Saturday.

Arts, Travel To Be Topic

Armchair bound local residents attending three March lectures on "Backgrounds of World Arts and Culture in Travel" offered in Torrance by University Extension, UCLA, will "visit" India, Southeast Asia and Indonesia.

J. Le Roy Davidson, professor of art at UCLA, speaks on the "Development of Indian Ideas in Art" on Monday. On the following Monday evening Karl E. With, professor of art, emeritus, at UCLA talks on "Art and Life in Java, Bali and Angkor Vat."

Final program of the series on March 19 presents Elvira T. Marquis, lecturer for United States State Department tours, and Hazel Chung, director choreographer and researcher in Oriental dance.

The 7:30 to 10 p.m. lectures in Room 228 of North High School at 3620 W. 182nd St., are part of a current series, but may be attended singly at a fee of \$2.50. A second Monday evening series of six lectures on various aspects of China and Japan starts April 2 and continues through May 14.



INSPECT TREE HOUSE . . . Bob Schultz, El Camino English teacher, accompanies son Zachary and Terry Taylor (right) on tour of tree house on the nursery school playground. The tree house was built in an old eucalyptus tree by father members of a former year.



TIME OUT . . . Fred Stone calls "Kings' X" for a moment while he takes over function of wiping the nose of his son, Ricky, during the special nursery school morning. Ricky had been showing his father what the nursery schoolers do with the blackboard.



CRAFTS TALK . . . Fireman Bernard Allen, a parent member of the Torrance Co-op Nursery School, visits with tool designer Bill Rickett and son Ricky at the crafts table. It was a return visit for Allen who donned his complete fire-fighting dress and explained his uniform to preschoolers last semester.