

Carson High Girls Select Bonnie McCracken as Queen

Bonnie McCracken, a senior at Carson High School, now reigns as posture queen of the campus. Miss McCracken was selected by the Girls' Physical Education Department. She will represent Carson

High at Los Angeles High School next Wednesday in competition with queens selected by other high schools in the Los Angeles City schools.

The new queen was selected on the basis of her poise, rhythm, walking, and overall posture.

Other finalists included Lynn Diniakos, Estrella Liwanag, Janet Aggus, and Donna Webb.

Open House Will Mark School Week

Carson High School will host parents and friends of students for an informal open house Tuesday evening. The open house is part of the observance of Public Schools Week.

Parents will be able to meet teachers and discuss the work of their sons and daughters. Student work will be displayed in all classrooms.

A central file will give parents the daily schedule of their sons and daughters, and the school library will be open for a special art exhibit. Members of the Carson High service clubs will serve as guides and hosts for the evening.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the evening program.

Suspensions Show Sharp Jump Here

A sharp increase in the number of suspensions from school in Torrance was reported in the sixth school month, members of the Board of Education were told this week.

A total of 158 students were suspended, compared with 123 for the same period last year. Totals for the new year now stand at 934, compared to 785 for the 1962-63 school year.

The rate of suspensions has increased from 2.67 per 100 students to 3.04 per 100 students for the current year.

Loan Company Elects Cline New Officer

Election of Larry Cline to a vice presidency has been announced by American Savings and Loan. Cline is manager of the Redondo-South Bay center branch.

Active in the financial field for five years, Cline has been with American Savings the past two.

His civic participation includes membership in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Plush Horsemen Club, North Redondo Business and Professional Men's Club, and Lawndale-South Bay Kiwanis, which he serves as treasurer.

Local Teacher To Serve at Council Meet

Leonard Pipkins of Carson High School will serve as one of the section meeting chairmen at the spring conference of the Southern California Council of Teachers of English Saturday.

Approximately 700 members of the council will attend the conference which will feature the changing concepts of the hero in literature. The meeting will be held at the Los Angeles Trade Technical College, 400 W. Washington Blvd., from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garrett Wins Contract of \$8 Million

The Garrett Corporation's AirResearch manufacturing division has been granted an \$8 million contract for the design, development and fabrication of regenerators for the T78 turboprop engine by Allison Division of General Motors.

Garrett, a subsidiary of Signal Oil and Gas Co., will build a quarter-million dollar facility on its local site for the production of the regenerators.

Gem Society Sets Tuesday Meeting

The regular meeting of the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society will be held Tuesday at the Retail Clerks Union Hall, 25949 Bellepointe Ave., Harbor City, at 8 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

South High Band Ready For Concert

Howard Akers, conductor and musical arranger, will conduct the South High band and chorus in an 8 p.m. concert tomorrow at the school.

The band will play "God of Our Fathers," "Joshua," and Akers' own arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

A member of ASCAP, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Ma Alpha Sinfonia, Akers has a varied musical background in both instrumental and choral music. George Zavislan will conduct the choral numbers, which will include Jester Haunstons "Elijah Rock." T. K. Lile, South High band director, will conduct the band in "The First Suite" by Gustav Holst. The concert is free to the public.

Western Avenue Work Scheduled

Improvement of Western Avenue near Leedale Avenue will get under way this week, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said the work is being done under a \$4,500 allocation approved by the Board of Supervisors. The project was designed by the County Road Department.

Editor to Speak

Mrs. Irene Personne will be the guest speaker at the April 20 meeting of the Wiseburn Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society to be held at the Dana School Cafeteria, 135th Street and Aviation Boulevard, at 7:30 p.m. Editor of "The Fuchsia Fan" magazine, Mrs. Personne will speak on "Working with Fuchsias." She will use special color slides to illustrate her lecture.

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213th Street Project Set

Work on parts of 213th Street in the Carson area will begin next week under a \$6,100 allocation approved by the Board of Supervisors. The improvements will include reconstruction of pavement east of Vera Street to Lostine Avenue.

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