

Artistic Christmas Mosaic On Display At EC College

First in order of display and last of the six unique reproductions to be featured in the traditional display of El Camino college's Madonna Row is a six by eight foot mosaic depicting the Madonna and Child.

With the five mural reproductions of previous years, the mosaic will be displayed before the El Camino administration building, 16007 S. Crenshaw blvd., through the holiday season. Well-lighted, the display may be viewed from automobiles of passing motorists 24 hours daily.

24,000 Tiles
Made of some 24,000 small colored tiles and gold fired on glass, the Mosaic piece was completed under the direction of Miss Mildred K. Walker, college art instructor. Depicting a Ma-

What's holding up the works on school traffic signals is that proverbial root of all evil — money. Both the School Board and the City Council claim they haven't got enough of the stuff.

Nightmares
The City Council already has nightmares of huge expenditures as more and more school areas are expected to make similar requests. The councilmen maintain that the School Board should at least stand 50% of the cost, since the problem is strictly a school problem, especially at 187th st. and Crenshaw.

The School Board, on the

donna and Child, a Saint and Angel, the design was taken from the 12th century Psalter Book. It was selected from a group of 12 prints representing paintings of many centuries and periods of world history.

Purpose
Purpose of the Christmas art

other hand, points to its own nightmares, namely, the fantastic task of trying to keep up with the educational demands of this area. The Board claims that the School District has hardly enough money to meet the basic needs, let alone participate in financing borderline projects, such as traffic signals.

Meeting
The School Board's problems, school officials readily point

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project, according to Miss Walker is "to offset the overload of commercialism and try to remind people of the true spirit of Christmas by presenting something which has been traditionally beautiful throughout the ages."

In preparing the mosaic, Miss Walker was assisted by Donald C. Green, a fellow art instructor at the College, Mrs. Green, and students Joseph Gadden, Hester Miller, Ann Cooper, and Vincent Martinez.

Work on the mosaic was accomplished in 150 man hours, Miss Walker said.

Zola Dincin Schneider has been hired as a substitute teacher by the Torrance Board of Education.

Willie Reid Schulte has been hired as a substitute teacher by the Torrance Board of Education.

And that's about the size of it right now.

In the meantime, Mayor Nick Dralle has been authorized by the members of the City Council to send a letter to the Board of Education requesting a meeting to discuss this matter further.

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Clyde E. Tison has been hired as a custodian by the Torrance Unified School District.

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MADONNA ROW... Typical of artwork appearing in El Camino College's Madonna Row is Piazzetta painting, "Virgin and Child" now

on display. The five paintings and one mosaic were prepared in the college art department under the direction of Miss Mildred K. Walker.

City Council, School Board Hassle Over School Signals

Trying to fix responsibility for the purchase of school traffic signals is turning into a volleyball game as of late, with the ball passing back and forth between the City Council and the Torrance Board of Education.

Another One
No sooner had the School Board expressed a we-won't-pay attitude, even on a 50-50 basis, as requested by the city in connection with one traffic signal, than the City Council plunked another request for a traffic signal, square into the Board of Education's lap.

This latest request is for a

traffic signal at 187th street and Crenshaw blvd.

Councilman Willys Blount soliloquized that the latest request would carry considerably more weight than any previous requests, since it comes accompanied by a petition signed by 803 residents.

The petition, submitted to the Council, will be forwarded to the Board of Education.

The School Board, on the

Famous 'Madonna Row' To Be Seen At EC College

With its unique Madonna Row lighted and ready for display, the college will observe an active season. Included in the busy program of events are students, faculty and administrative staff members, and other campus employees.

The art attractions, all featuring the Madonna and Child, line the front of the Administration building, 16007 South Crenshaw boulevard, and are lighted throughout the night to enable passing motorists to view the unusual art presentation.

Added to the traditional Madonna Row display this year is a newly-prepared mosaic reproduced from art work dating back to 300 A.D. Prepared under the direction of Miss Mildred K. Walker, art instructor, the mosaic is one of six art re-

productions of the college. Each is 6 by 8 feet in size and stands 8 by 10 in its gold frame, prepared by members of the college custodial staff.

Previous works have been painted. Featured are reproductions of Botticelli's "The Virgin and Child," Gian Battista Piazzetta's "Virgin and the Child," Raphael's "The Cowper Madonna," El Greco's "The Virgin with Santa Inez and Santa Tecla," and Jan Van Eyck's, "Ince Hall Madonna."



CHRISTMAS ARTWORK... Miss Mildred K. Walker, Hester Miller, and Joseph Martinez, left to right, work on the 1954 addition to El Camino college's novel Madonna Row. The completed college project features reproductions of foremost works depicting the Madonna and Child and will be displayed continuously throughout the holiday season.

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