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Torrance Park Activities Begin
Torrance Park has started the summer recreation program with a bang-up week of activities, according to Cliff Greybehl, director in charge. A complete program of athletics and crafts is now going on. A future ping pong champion in the name of Joel Whitman leads the pack in the ping pong tourney. Tommy Kling and Richard Battaglia follow in order, Greybehl said. All boys interested in baseball are asked to sign up with "Coach" Del Nuzum. Torrance Park is open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

Chairman
James Viscoglia, of 512 Yarmouth road, Palos Verdes, today was named Harbor area campaign chairman for the 1955-56 Community Chest drive which begins in October. The announcement came from George Bradbeer, San Pedro, chairman of the Harbor area board.

Reading Development Class Improves Slow Readers

Results of a reading survey conducted at El Camino college were revealed today by Dr. William H. Harless, director of instruction. The average college student on enrollment in a class in reading development at the college reads at the rate of 285 words a minute, and can answer a little over half the questions (50.4 per cent) about what he has just read. After completing the one-semester course offered by Dr. George Gerbner, however, he reads at the rate of 749 words per minute (or 839 wpm) if he is pressed) and answers 61.5 per cent of the questions correctly.

Better Comprehension
Results of the survey show that the college reading development course more than doubles the average reading rate and improves comprehension at the same time. Additional to these figures, scores from the nationally standardized Traxler Reading Tests, also included in the results, showed a climb from 256 at the beginning to an average of 470 at the end of the semester. These scores combine rate of reading and comprehension into one figure. Commenting on the results, Dr. Gerbner, in charge of the college reading development program, said that they are not unusual, and indicate what can be achieved when this relatively neglected aspect of our communication skills is given some systematic attention.

Helps Students
"Our reading program, listed in the catalog as English B, is on the college level, designed to help all students develop their competence not only in reading but also studying, organizing, and critically evaluating complex material," Dr. Gerbner said. "Able students benefit at least as much as those who are slow readers." The classes usually include businessmen, executives, professional people and housewives, in addition to students enrolled in a full college program. It carries college credit. A summer session course in Reading Development will start on July 1, meeting five evenings a week for six weeks. Registration will take place Thursday, June 30, 1:00-4:30 and 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the El Camino college Campus center.

Still unassigned are Mesdames George Bronaugh, V. F. Christensen, and Mrs. C. S. Sampson. Mrs. Elsa Morris, executive director, in the absence of Mrs. LaFetra, program planning chairman, reviewed the plans highlighting the main emphasis for each committee in the association for the coming year.

Dorothy Bestwick, new office secretary for San Pedro was introduced to the board by Mrs. Hurley, personnel chairman, who told the group that Mrs. Gertrude Harris has been employed for the position of office secretary in the Torrance branch.

Reports were given by Mrs. Stamps, Spires, Sharp, Lightner, Otis Blackstone, Charlotte Lukes, Loraine Harper, and Miss Marian Fatout.

PET SHOW SET FOR JULY 6

If you have a pet, chances are that it is a ribbon winner. Now is the time to be grooming your pet for the big pet show to be held on all Torrance recreation playgrounds, Wednesday, July 6, at 10 a.m. There will be a number of categories in which to enter your pet. Some are as follows: The best dressed pet, the best groomed pet, the smallest dog, the largest dog, the smallest horse, the largest horse, the homeliest pet, the best looking pet, and many others.

All children are urged to check with the playground nearest their home for further details on classification, etc. On Saturday, July 9, at 9 a.m. the recreation department will sponsor a city-wide pet show where all the winners and all those who failed to enter their pet in the local show, will have a chance to compete their pet again for city-wide honors.

Remember the dates, Wednesday, July 6, pet show on local playground areas; and Saturday, July 9, the big annual city-wide pet show at Torrance park. Come out and win your pet a ribbon!

McMaster Park Games Announced

McMaster Park in North Torrance has a huge program of activities going on each day, and Vern Clary has stated that they are seeking softball games with any of the other playgrounds in Torrance. Jim Jackson, who is assisting Clary, has a number of boys in the junior age bracket "who are ready to beat any team this year." Val Daniels is turning out excellent work with the various crafts, it was announced. Bill Morris, Dale Walters, and Mike Jacobs are leading the pack in tournaments.

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