



TEENAGE TROUBADOURS — Members of Torrance Teens, Patricia Marley (left), Leona Pierce, Susan Yukrovich and Calista Beard practice for club's sidewalk caroling tonight.

Area Educators Feted at High School Dinner

Forty industrial-arts teachers from South Bay High schools and El Camino College were guests of the El Segundo High School industrial arts department at a dinner meeting last week.

The teachers, representing schools in Torrance, Gardena, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood and Hawthorne, visited the El Segundo school facilities, dined in the high-school cafeteria, discussed mutual problems, and listened to guest speakers.

George Olson, director of training of North American Aviation, told industrial arts teachers of his company's training program and occupational needs. He said secondary schools and junior colleges were prime sources of technically-skilled employees.

Ronald Brown, Bellflower teacher, and president of the Los Angeles County Industrial Education Association, spoke briefly on his organization.

The visiting teachers were welcomed by Howard Schryler, El Segundo High School principal. Other guests were Ernest Swihart, El Segundo Junior High School principal, and Dr. John Rambeau, El Segundo schools' director of instruction.

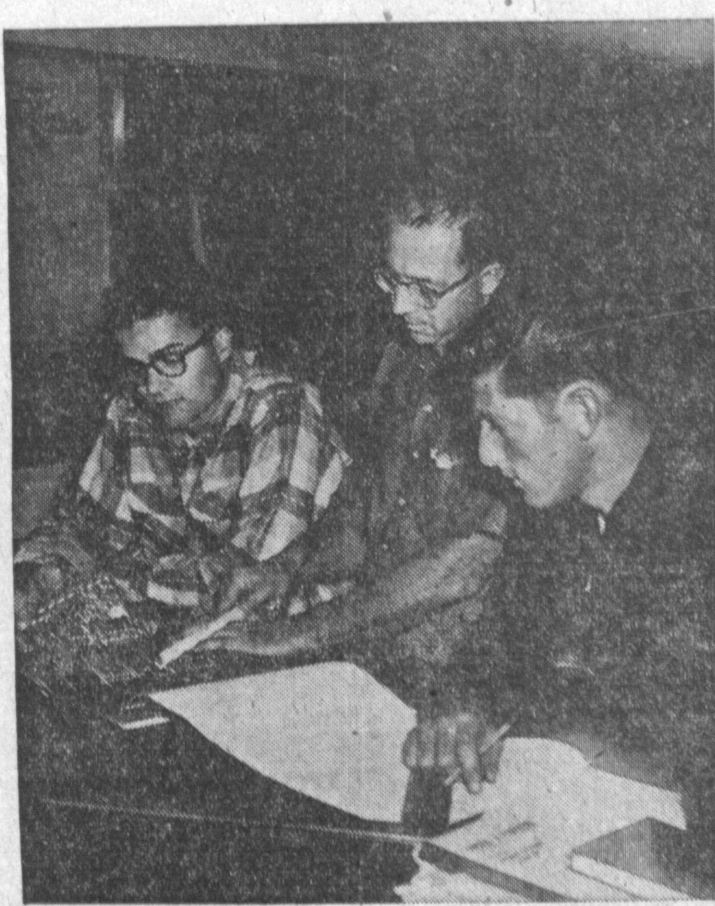
El Camino College instructors

attending were Edwin E. Pinkston, Janet Spurgeon, Grace W. Edwards, T. Thomas, Summer Power, John Rowan, V. K. Lewerenz, Terry Dalton, Horace W. Bates, Al Palmer, Don Alden and Ted Elmgren.

Others attending were Harold Strohm, Bill Locke and Dick Bullington, from Torrance High; Paul Muller, John Denstrand and Bill Derrickson from South High; Guy Sherod, Bob Dufel and Bill Schuchman, North High; Warren VanderLust and Bill Burtch, Mira Costa; Charles Perez, Dave Lewis and Jim Krebs, Morningside High; Bill Murray, Will Rogers School, Lawndale; Don Norton, Casimir School; John L. Olson, Evelyn Carr School; and Mike Curtis, Newton School, Torrance.

General meeting chairman was James MacLeod; program chairman was Jack Lowell, both from El Segundo Junior High School.

According to the American Cancer Society, the attention of a rapidly increasing number of scientists is being attracted to the possibility that in cancer, as in other diseases, a natural defense mechanism may be involved. Known reactions of acquired immunity and natural immunity are being studied for possible application to cancer.



CARPENTERS—Students at the Torrance Adult School, Kenneth Vukor (left) and Donald Eggers (right) receive instructions from teacher Earl Eisinger in use of blueprints and tools.

Elementary Pupils See Program at North Hi School

Nearly 1200 seventh and eighth graders from city schools attended a Christmas program put on by North High School music groups Tuesday.

The NHS Choir, Chorus, Girls Glee Club, Band, and Orchestra, combined to put on a program of seasonal music for elementary school students. Leaders of the musical groups were Robert Jones, Frank Small, Lyda Willis, and Marilyn Steele.

The Christmas music program was one of the methods of acquainting elementary students with high-school activities.

The American Cancer Society reports that for the first time scientists now are able to measure minute and intricate chemical reactions within a single cell rather than in a mass of many, and dissimilar cells.

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Adult Classes Soaring in the City's Schools

More than 6000 adults have gone back to school in classes at Torrance Evening High School this fall, Principal B. E. Collins told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee recently.

Explaining the ever-growing role of adult education, he noted that there are six different types of adult classes, citizenship classes for foreign-born students, courses which will enable students to receive high-school diplomas, and special courses for persons in need of training in specialized fields.

Also classes designed to further cultural education, parent-education classes, and general interest or avocational classes. From a total enrollment of 1252 in 1948, the adult school has grown to more than 6000 today, Collins said. Nearly 28,000 persons — one out of four in Torrance — have taken classes. Five hundred and forty-five have obtained high-school diplomas.

Collins cited the following answers from a recent poll of adult students to determine why they were continuing their education.

"I want to get my diploma. Everywhere I go to find a job, the first thing they ask is if I graduated from high school." "I dropped out of school before I should. Now I understand why I need an education." "My job requires me to know to write letters and talk to the men I am to supervise. That's why I am taking English." "I need the help to raise my family. My kids are asking me questions about subjects I know nothing

about." Adult education in California started in San Francisco in 1856. Citizenship classes for Chinese immigrants started in 1872 and adult education was included in the State Constitution in 1879.

New Members Welcome by Altar Society

The Nativity Catholic Altar Society introduced four new members at a recent club Christmas party.

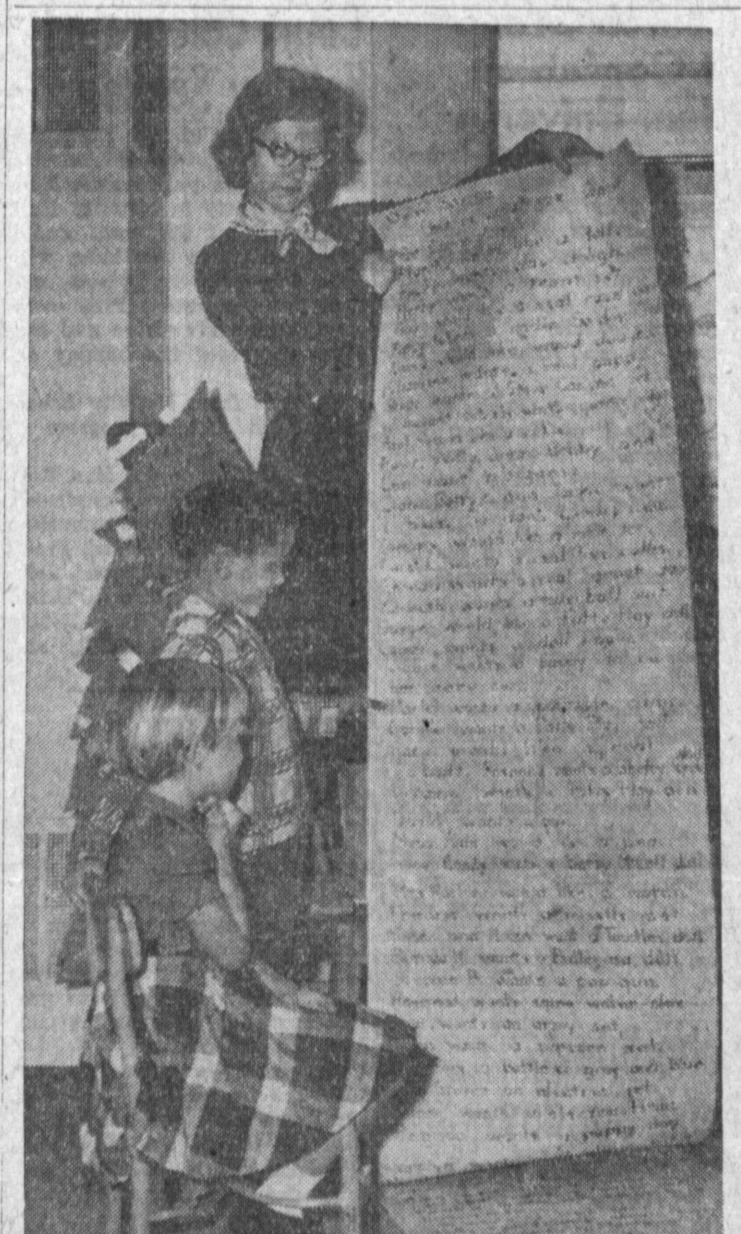
The neophytes were Mes. N. M. Mathis, J. A. Neary, F. R. Navarro, and T. P. McCormick.

Mmes. James Conlon and Harry Kale were event chairmen. Gifts were exchanged and games played. Prizes were awarded to Regina Cunningham and Mrs. John Wilson.

Caroliers Roam Streets Tonight

A teenager group will celebrate the yule season by caroling today around the city between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The American Cancer Society reports that there are now 77 authentic, well-documented cases of a disappearance of cancer without treatment.



CHRISTMAS LETTER—Mark Schindler and Roxanne Mattson, second grade students at Meadow Park Elementary School check the Christmas list their class wrote to Santa Claus telling what they hoped to find under the tree. Miss Lois Ruhl holds letter.

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