

Multigrade Classes to Expand from 17 to 50 This Year

Although the number of classrooms of "Little Red Schoolhouse" programs in Torrance schools will be expanded from 17 to more than 50 next year, parents still can take the program or leave it alone, School Superintendent J. H. Hull said today.

Last year, at five schools, more than 550 parents took the program by signing their children. Next year, nearly every school will have multigrade classes.

"After five years of careful study of the program at Walteria and other schools, we feel that the program is good enough to offer to all parents who want it," Hull declared. "It is not the answer to all education problems, but we consider it a step forward in many areas."

"It is a departure from tradition—an attempt to individualize instruction and get away from teaching to the average child. We feel it helps each teacher to help each child do his best."

Hull made these points:

1. The program is voluntary. Parents must sign their children from multigrade classes. Only teachers who volunteer teach the classes.

2. Multigrades are not a cure-all, nor do they use techniques which could not be used in an ordinary classroom. They simply dramatize educational problems so the teacher better can help the student.

3. Tests have indicated multigrades help the quality of teaching and the quality of learning in many areas.

4. It began as an experiment to improve instruction—to find better answers to traditional problems.

5. It recognizes that children travel educationally at different rates of speed. It also recognizes that the same child may learn different subjects at different rates of speed.

6. It tends to break the old tendency to make reading the

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUPS SET NEXT WEEK

Two Torrance schools will hold kindergarten roundups next week in preparation for next fall's program.

Hamilton and Torrance schools are seeking names of students who will enter the classes.

Students who will be five years old by Dec. 2 may enter kindergarten this fall. Proof of birthdate, such as birth certificate or baptismal certificate, is required.

Torrance kindergarten roundups will be held Tuesday and Thursday, March 29 and 31, while Hamilton roundups will be on Thursday, March 31.

main subject in which individualization is practiced.

7. When children succeed, as the multigrade helps them to do, discipline problems decrease.

8. Each child gets a turn at being the oldest, in the middle, and the youngest child in class.

9. Multigrades were studied thoroughly by the board of education, the superintendent, and other staff members before they

were expanded. They also have been investigated by many other school districts, a number of which later adopted similar problems. Several national magazines—Time, Newsweek, Redbook, The Nation's Schools, Western Family, and others—investigated and wrote favorably. Parents whose children were enrolled also reacted generally favorably when queried.

10. Multigrades cost no more than the traditional program.

11. When any new system is developed, people have many

questions, and many oppose it because it is new. This is to be expected.

"We are expanding this program because we feel our research and experiences in multigrades have proven the program to be worth while," Hull declared.

"We welcome questions from parents. If they like what they find, we invite them to enroll their children. If they still prefer the traditional system, their children can remain in that."

Professor Given Fulbright Award

Robert Schultz, El Camino College instructor, will spend next year in Japan teaching English in a Japanese secondary school under a grant awarded him by the Fulbright program.

Prior to his departure Aug. 28, Schultz will spend five days in Washington, D.C., with state department experts who will explain the cultural and social customs of the Japanese.

With Schultz in Japan will be his wife, Pat, and his two children, Tracey, 7, and Zachary, 3.

Schultz has been at El Camino four years as a member of the English department. He was

awarded a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Redlands and a master of arts degree from the University of Denver.

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Democrats Win at Jefferson

"Democrats" scored a victory in electing Randy Gaston to the presidency of Jefferson School.

Elections were held in William Taylor's seventh and eighth grade class as part of the group's study of American government. Students will now form a model House of Representatives to discuss problems facing the nation.

Together with his vice presidential running mate, Jerry Kirby, Gaston defeated the "Republican" challengers, Diane Chambers and Richard Anderson.

Elaine Zielinski was Democratic campaign chairman; Annette Davis handled the job for the Republicans.

In the Roman era physicians used to prescribe cosmetics, as well as pills, before they became too busy treating the sick.

Honorary Society Elects Officers at Harbor College

New officers for the Harbor College chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, California honorary scholarship society, were announced recently by Dr. Isabel Beck, faculty sponsor.

Ronald C. Jenkins, electronics major, was elected president; William Caswell, English major, vice-president; and Jerry Spray, business administration major, was elected secretary-treasurer. Jenkins appointed Marlene Perry, and Madeline McNeal, as public relations representatives.

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