

Kiddies, Parents Spend Day Together at Special Classes

The Torrance Adult School is offering three classes for pre-schoolers and their parents at Waleria and McMaster Parks, beginning Sept. 19. Registration will take place at McMaster Park, 3624 West 174th St. (at Yukon Ave.), Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Thursday, Sept. 21; at Waleria Park, 3855 West 242nd St. (Ocean Ave. and 242nd St.), Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Classes at these parks are held in the morning from 9 a. m. to noon. Mrs. Lillian Randall will conduct classes at McMaster Park and Mrs. Fritz Greenspan, former teacher of the child observation classes held in the Waleria area, is returning to the program at Waleria this fall.

These classes offer children 2½ to kindergarten age an opportunity for regular supervised play with other pre-schoolers. Other satisfying experiences in the morning's activities include working with creative materials; clay, easel and finger paint; music participation; outdoor play; picture cards; story time; block and dollhouse play; rest and nutrition.

For the parents an educational program is featured. An opportunity is provided for observation and study of the individual child, noting the many ways children grow, learn to share and conform to routines. There is a discussion period for adults while the children play outdoors under supervision of competent committees.

During the adult discussion child rearing as well as specific problems of personal health habits, food and eating, rest and sleeping, discipline, suitable toys, books, records, playtime activity, behavior patterns, family crisis, and a variety of subjects relating to child development and parent education is covered.

Parents observe activities and assist in running the nursery school-like projects, where their young hopefuls learn to get along with others, to share toys and play equipment, to experience the small sorrows, joys and disappointments which lead to better adjustment with people the rest of their lives.

Each adult keeps a written record of the morning's activities, noting everything the child says, does, is told, behavior, etc. From this report the parent makes an evaluation of the child's progress and is able to more intelligently appraise behavior.

Enrollment is limited and registration will be conducted on a "first come, first served" basis. Each person is to provide a blanket for rest period, a share toy, a child's apron, and a pen or pencil.

For further information, telephone the Adult Education office, FAirfax 8-8080, Extension 295, before 5 p. m., or FAirfax 8-9206 after 5:30 p. m.

Parade Theme March Route Made Known

"Viva Democracy" will be the theme of the Sept. 16 Mexican Independence Day Parade which will be reviewed from 2 to 4 p. m. at Los Angeles County's Belvedere Park, 4914 Brooklyn Ave., East Los Angeles.

High officials of Mexico and California will participate in the parade which will emphasize the friendship existing between the Republic of Mexico and the United States, according to Chairman Ernest E. Debs of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Representing President Lopez Mateos of Mexico will be Mexican Secretary of Labor Salomon Gonzales Blanco, and Acting Los Angeles Mexican Consul-General Luis F. Orci.

Gov. Pat Brown will extend California's good will in his capacity as Grand Marshal of the Parade. Other dignitaries will include Sheriff Peter Pitchess, Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yarty, and Supervisor Debs.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is planning a festive observance of the 151st Anniversary of Mexican Independence with a day and evening of entertainment at Belvedere Park.

Because the event will be on a Saturday, the carnival section of Belvedere Park lake area will open at noon with rides, games, and food booths.

Entertainment, in the form of dancing, music and specialty acts, will be presented intermittently on the stage of the lakes amphitheater until 11 p. m. The public is invited to witness the parade and to join in "La Fiesta" at Belvedere Park.

Consisting of 75 floats, equestrian, and marching units, the parade will start at 2 p. m. at East First and Lorena Streets. It will go east on First to Gage, north on Gage to Brooklyn Avenue, east on Brooklyn to the reviewing stand at Belvedere Park.

Plant Feeding Hints Offered

All things considered, the proper feeding of plants can probably do more for the looks of your garden than any other single factor. Not that water isn't more important to sustain life, but all the water in the world won't help an undernourished plant in poor soil.

Before you run out and scatter a sack of plant food, however, consider these words from the California Association of Nurserymen: Food does no good without water to help a plant absorb it; and unless the soil is porous, neither food nor water is likely to reach the plant's roots and be absorbed.

First, then, the wise gardener looks to the conditions of his soil. Sandy soils that hold neither water nor food and compacted soils that won't be penetrated must be improved. Work steer manure and/or compost in to bulk up the soil or lighten it as the case may be. A commercial soil conditioner applied heavily after you've worked it over will help keep it in shape longer.

This done, you can now scatter your sack of plant food, but what do you scatter? A balanced fertilizer? Liquid fish? A food predominant in some single element? A foliar food? An acid food?

Most fertilizers on the market are "complete" foods and include nitrogen, phosphorus and potash as their main ingredients with several trace elements added. These are to be used on most trees and shrubs, on annuals and in the vegetable garden. Often, however, it is desirable to use food that is unbalanced in favor of one particular ingredient. Lawns often respond to strong nitrogen applications. Roses grow sturdier stems with extra potash.

Carefully follow the directions on each label. If you have further questions, a chat with your C.A.N. nurseryman will explain them.

COUNCIL LISTS SEPT. MEETINGS

Listed below are meetings scheduled for City Council and Commissions during the month of September, 1961.

Torrance residents are invited to attend any of these meetings.

City Council, Sept. 5, Council Chamber, 5:30 p. m.; Planning Commission, Sept. 6, Council Chamber, 7 p. m.; Civil Service Board, Sept. 6, Employees' Lounge, 7:30 p. m.; Water Commission, Sept. 6, Room 209, City Hall, 7 p. m.; Civil Defense Commission, Sept. 11, Employees' Lounge, 5:30 p. m.; Library Commission, Sept. 11, Room 209, City Hall, 7:30 p. m.; City Council, Sept. 12, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.; Park & Recreation Commission, Sept. 13, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.; Airport Commission, Sept. 14, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.; City Council, Sept. 19, Council Chamber, 5:30 p. m.; Planning Commission, Sept. 20, Council Chamber, 7 p. m.; Traffic Safety Council, Sept. 25, Room 209, City Hall, 7 p. m.; City Council, Sept. 26, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.; Park & Recreation Commission, Sept. 27, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.; and Airport Commission, Sept. 28, Council Chamber, 8 p. m.

HOLIDAY TRAVELING

Holiday travelers should be especially vigilant for the first 50 miles, according to accidents studies. Most holiday accidents happen in the first 90 minutes of driving when drivers are preoccupied with trip details, are trying to beat the rush.



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