



RAPHAEL'S MADONNA of the chair is the latest reproduction to be added to El Camino's Madonna Row. Annual

Christmas display will be seen Dec. 14 through Jan. 1 on the Crenshaw Blvd. boundary of the campus.

# 'Madonna Row' Display Will Convey Yule Spirit

Madonna Row, El Camino College's "Christmas card to the community," will again take its place on the front lawns of the college's Administration Building on Crenshaw Blvd. Dec. 14 to Jan. 1.

Originated in 1949 by Mildred Walker, art instructor, Madonna Row is a series of reproductions consisting of eight oil paintings, two mosaics, a stained-glass window and a medieval tooled book cover.

New to the "outdoor gallery" this year, is a nine-foot in diameter, round, oil painting by Raphael. Entitled "Madonna of the Chair," the work is the product of art students Maurizio Barratucci and Jack King under the direction of Miss Walker.

Scheduled to be unveiled Dec. 13, the "Madonna of the Chair" will feature corner designs by students of El Camino's craft classes under the supervision of Richard Oliver.

Highlighting the art display is a stained-glass window taken directly from the Blue Madonna of Chartres Cathedral, in France. Using glass imported from France, the window was "fired in the true tradition of gothic craftsmen," Miss Walker said.

Appraised at \$7,000 by experts, the window is almost the exact size of the original in France.

Representing the Spanish Baroque artist, El Greco, is "The Virgin of Santa Inez and Santa Tecla." "It was copied from a print of the original which hangs in the Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain," Miss Walker added.

Jan Van Eyck's "The Ince Hall Madonna," representing art from the early Flemish period and which is now exhibited in the National Gallery of Melbourne, Australia is also included in the gallery.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CARE is sending \$1 surplus food packages to refugee children overseas for Christmas. Parcels contain an average of 22 pounds of milk, flour and corn meal.

### Oddfellows Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of Trio Odd Fellow Lodge 495 held in Torrance Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave., the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Herbert Taute, noble grand; Frank Starin, vice grand; Andrew Branagh, secretary; and George Jennings, Treasurer.

Ernest Littrell will serve as three year trustee.

Installation service will be held Jan. 2 with District Deputy Grand Master Ray Robbins of Long Beach Odd Fellow Lodge 390 and staff conducting services.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the area are most welcome to attend.

### MOST HOSTELRYS

The Los Angeles Metropolitan area leads the nation in the number of hotels, motels and tourist camps, reports the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

## California Author Institute Speaker

By LYSLE ALBRO  
Leo Politi, California author and illustrator of children's books, will speak to Torrance teachers during a series of literature institutes at 4 p.m. Thursday at Yukon Elementary School, 17815 Yukon Ave.

Politi was awarded the 1960 Caldecott Medal for his book "Song of the Swallows," the story of the friendship between a young boy and the old gardener and bell-ringer at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano. Born in Fresno he went to Italy at the age of 7 with his family. At the age of 15, he was given a scholarship to an Art Institute near Milan.

The art school had at its disposal, the gardens, the zoo, things beautiful and convenient for outdoor sketching.

Politi especially remembers his teacher, Ugo Lovetti, and how he took pride in showing his students the great wealth of nature. He would take a small flower and gently open it to show its beautiful lines, shapes and colors.

When they were drawing birds and animals, he taught them not to see them as static objects but to seek the

inner life, which projected movement and rhythm.

At the age of 23, Politi came back to California and settled down on Olivera Street in Los Angeles where he drew and sold pictures, giving him background for his Christmas story, "Pedro, Angel of Olivera Street."

Politi says, "More than anything else, I love drawing children. In all my books, I try to embody certain universal things—the warmth and happiness of family life; my love for people, animals, birds and flowers, and for the simple warm and earthy things.

"It is important in all parts of the United States to bring forth and keep alive the vast wealth of tradition and folklore for our children, especially in this age of rapid technical achievement which fills our life with overabundance of material things."

## Bob Hobbs Guns For Third Win

Bob Hobbs, rated by insiders as one of the finest young early model stock car drivers to come along in years, guns for his third main event win of the season Sunday afternoon in another 15-lap cross-path program on the tricky new Ascot Park Figure 15-lap, Ascot Park Figure 8 course.

Hobbs and his fellows Chevy pilot, Ben Steele, rank as the only drivers yet to win two mains this season on the hazardous new track.

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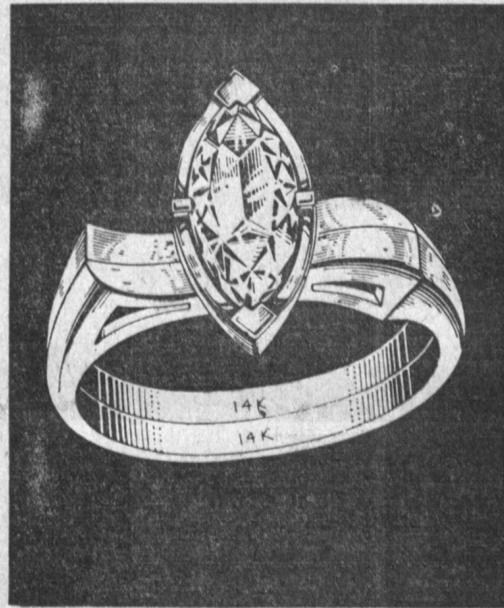
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