

Adventuresome! Bradbury Beckons, But Watch Out

By Mrs. Frances Zinsley
El Retiro Librarian

How adventuresome are you?

Do you feel like balancing on the edge of a cliff? Do you think you could take it if you were shoved off?

You can experience either or both, figuratively speaking, of course, by rushing to the El Retiro Library, at 126 A Vista del Parque, El Retiro Park, Torrance, and putting in your bid for the two latest books by Ray Bradbury. Both volumes recently were added to the County Library's two-million-plus book collection.

The books are "R Is for Rocket," which was the County Library's two-millionth book, and "Something Wicked This Way Comes," Bradbury's first full-length fantasy novel, which the library bought a few weeks before.

Bradbury describes science-fiction as "balancing one on the edge of a cliff" and fantasy as "shoving one off." He also has said that science-fiction obeys the laws of the universe and that fantasy, "which emphasizes the 'im' in impossible, cracks the universe wide open."

There is a waiting list for both books, suggesting the anxious reader get his name on that list at once. The sooner he does the less time he will have to wait.

Every science-fiction fan, and the number is increasing daily, knows Bradbury's books and stories. They have been translated into 20 different languages and new tales from his imaginative mind appear frequently in

many different magazines.

A good way to keep track of Bradbury is through the pages of the "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature," both current and old editions. Since the Library subscribes to more than 700 magazines and has back issues extending over the years, Bradbury stories old and new easily can be tracked down and obtained.

A Bradbury article that his readers will not want to miss was published last October in the "Take-Over Generation" of Life Magazine and is available, as are all of the County Library's magazines and books, to every patron of every branch.

Many anthologists of science-fiction have introductions by Bradbury which give new meaning and understanding to all science-fiction and fantasy writing. The County Library ordered one such collection this week, "Timeless Stories for Today and Tomorrow," a paperback book. Also on order is a new translation of Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," which is made doubly interesting by an introduction written especially for it by Bradbury. This book is also a paperback.

At a public meeting celebrating the Library's acquisition of its two-millionth book, held Jan. 21 in the County Hall of Administration in Los Angeles, Bradbury was the principal speaker. He told about a novel he is now writing based on a weird and wonderful world he has imagined as existing inside the telephone.



THE YOUNGEST MEMBER of the South Bay Orchid Society, Mellesa Ann Hennrich, 9, of 5207 Lenora St., Torrance, is shown as she receives some tips from Fred Gardner, a society member, on potting a cattleya orchid. Mellesa is Orchid Princess of the 3rd Annual Spring Orchid Show, March 9th and 10th at Alondra Park. (Story on Homes and Garden Page)



IT'S A PROUD moment for these student nurses as they wear a snowy white cap for the first time on completing their period as "probies" (probationers). In center and at right are Janet Lucille D'Alorio, of 3235 W. 166th St., and Dwan Wroge, 23028 Arlington Ave., both of Torrance, with their friend from Gardena, Rosina Bellini (left). The girls are among 44 freshmen of the California Hospital School of Nursing.

A Real-Life Adventure

(Continued from Page One) with very little knowledge of our language or our customs, Vincny has proved her ability to accept that new responsibility she has found.

In addition, she has won new friends and their respect wherever she goes.

You can see reflected upon the faces of George and Eunice Crabtree a quiet pride that they helped to make such a real-life adventure come true.

Harvey Dividend

A dividend of 30 cents per share has been declared on the A Common Stock of Harvey Aluminum, payable March 31, 1963.



CHUCK HAWKINS, parts manager at Al Ortolano Rambler in Torrance, has been with American Motors dealerships since he left the Navy in 1946. Chuck at one time worked as parts manager for the largest Rambler dealer in the world. At that time, Chuck met his wife Phyllis, and has been happily married ever since.

Trade Stamps Offered First By CMA Store

Consumers Mart of America, Inc. (CMA), a chain of discount department stores that include supermarkets, says it will become the first major discounter in the nation to enter into the trading stamp field.

Following a full year of research and planning, CMA is launching its discount gift stamps with a seven-day give-away of more than four-million stamps throughout its store chain.

The most unique feature of the CMA program is the creation of a 4,000 foot gift redemption center in each of their stores throughout the country.

Part of the year's research that CMA has devoted to the project has been gathering gifts from the most popular items available through established trading stamp firms. In addition to selecting them on the basis of their popularity, CMA also restricted its choice of gift items to nationally advertised brand names like General Electric, Sunbeam, Cannon and International Silver.

CMA officers say the decision to enter the trading stamp competition was reached only after months of research revealed that CMA's discount prices, billed as "top quality at lowest price," would not in any way be affected.

Bradley Is Delegate
Jim Bradley, owner of Beach Beverage at 21801 S. Vera, Torrance, will be a delegate to the annual convention of the California Beer Wholesalers Assn. in San Francisco March 7 to 9.



CHIEF PROMOTER of the Los Angeles Sales Promotion Executives Assn., is Mason Mallory, of 4213 Paseo de los Tortugas, Torrance, seated above with gavel. Standing behind him in fact as well as in spirit are other officers, from left to right: Fred C. Smith, second vice-president; Lee T. Atwood, first vice-president; Sam Mattioli, treasurer; and Robert Williams, secretary. Mallory works for Western Airlines and is credited with developing the "Take a Sunbreak" program, encouraging outlanders of the north to visit Southern California winter resorts.

Tax Men Speak At Torrance C of C Meeting

Two speakers from the Internal Revenue Service will be featured at the Feb. 26 Torrance Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting to be held at the International House of Pancakes.

Warren Sexton, delinquents accounts and returns group supervisor, and William Purtell, field audit group supervisor, of the new Internal Revenue Service office in Torrance, will address Chamber members and their guests at the 7:20 a.m. meeting.

Sexton will describe the purpose and functions of the Torrance office. Purtell will give a brief review of the 1962 Revenue Act with emphasis on entertainment, travel and gift expenses. He will describe the composition and objectives of the field audit division.

Reservations can be made by telephoning the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at FAirfax 8-2814.

1,200,000 CURED
The American Cancer Society reports that there are now 1,200,000 Americans alive who were cured of cancer.

El Camino Trains Men as Electronics Technicians

Automation and relocation have created a need for 6000 electronic technicians, according to the California Department of Employment.

A program at El Camino College to train electronics technicians is said to be a vital factor in supplying the personnel needs of local industry.

Twenty-seven men presently are enrolled in El Camino's electronics training program. They attend classes for 40 hours a week in a course that has been condensed into 27 weeks. The condensed training equals a two-year electronics program and offers 34 units of college credit.

"These men complete in six weeks what other people would do in 18," said Joseph S. Dzida, El Camino coordinator.

Provided under the Manpower development and Training Act, the program is coordinated by the California State Department of Employment, which screens applicants through tests and interviews.

Selection is based upon aptitude and interests. Applicants must have been previously employed for at

least three years and unemployed for six months or longer. Heads of households are given preference.

The MDTA, signed into law by President Kennedy on March 15, 1962, provides funds for the first two years of the three-year program. The state must pay the cost in the third year.

"The only problem students have had is the lack of math background," said Phillip V. Hammond, class instructor. Hammond was last employed in industry by the Autonomic Division of North American Aviation and has taught at El Camino four years.

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The Pink Carpet

A Fable for Moderns

By LINDA AYRES, Age 9½
Towers School

Once upon a time, there was an old man. He was quite happy and had lots of friends.

He was very poor and very generous. He had a little cottage which had no furniture except a little pink rug.

This carpet had gone through the family, and it was quite cute.

It had pretty roses on it, and the man honored it and loved it very deeply.

One week, the rug was getting very dirty so he raised enough money to buy a broom.

The neighbors thought, "if we buy paint and furniture and fix up the cottage, do you suppose he would like it?"

That evening, the old man sat on the floor saying, "I wish that I had enough money to fix up the place." One neighbor overheard him.

"Good," said the neighbor. The old man took a walk. And the people decorated his house.

And cleaned his rug, then it was the cutest little home you ever saw.

Editor's Note: The above is Linda's second "Fable for Moderns" to be published. On this, as on the first, she got an 'A' from her teacher. If your child, or you yourself, have a "Fable" why not submit it to The Press?

Send it to "Fable," The Press, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance. If you want it returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Miss Linda Ayres
19501 Hinsdale Ave.
Torrance, California

Dear Miss Ayres:
Enclosed please find your "The Biggest Magic and The Pink Carpet," which have been accepted for publication in The Press. The first, "The Biggest Magic," appears in the paper of Wednesday, Feb. 20.

I regret very much that we don't pay for our "A Fable for Moderns," except in the satisfaction of the author seeing herself in print.

You, at the age of 9½, beat me by two-and-a-half years in being a published writer. If you are anything like me, seeing yourself in print for the first time will be quite a thrill. At the age of 12, I wrote verse for our weekly paper back home.

I kept writing and didn't get paid for writing until I was a grown man. My first submission to The Saturday Evening Post was when I was 17, and I didn't get a check from The Post until I was 40 years old.

If you like to write, keep writing. If you love to write, you will find it the most rewarding experience of life, because you continually keep probing into the secrets of life, the answer to which no human will ever know.

Best Wishes
The Editor

Diane Aitken Wins Award For Art Work

News Torch Flames Red In February

The Press salutes the Torrance News Torch, the publication of the students of Torrance High School, which went beautifully "in the red" in February.

Editor-in-Chief Louise Whitsand and her staffers combined to produce a very effective and newsy issue closely tuned to the heart, and crowned their efforts by printing the issue in red ink to tie the TNT more closely than ever to the Valentine's Day theme.

Included in the many news items of the Torrance News Torch was one saying that Potpourri, Torrance High's annual literary magazine is now in production for its seventh year.

A 24-page issue, it will contain, TNT says, "short stories of 500 words, poems, essays, and limericks."

Story deadline is March 1. The cover will be provided by Maurice Wilson's art classes.

Diane Aitken, of Bishop Montgomery High School, Torrance, was one of the winners of a gold key in the 17th annual Scolastic Art Awards for 1963.

A total of 300 keys were presented for achievement in creative art.

Bill Tara, art director and illustrator spoke. "The reason the world is less than beautiful," said Tara, "is because there are far too few people to admire and encourage their work."