

Peninsula Troops Aid Youngsters

"A Promise in Action," the nationwide Girl Scout goal for 1966, will be emphasized by Silver Spur Cadet Troop 147, Junior Troop 259, and Lunada Bay Junior Troop 180 in a special program for the "culturally disadvantaged" kindergarten children of the Southwest area.

The three Girl Scout units will help a specific classroom in the "Operation Head Start" program begun by the federal government last summer.

Aim of the program is to give kindergarten students from low income and culturally disadvantaged areas a "head start" in school so they may begin the first grade on a par with students of normal intelligence and cultural and intellectual backgrounds.

ELEVEN SCHOOLS in the area now offer the classes. The three Scout units will provide basic teaching aids such as toys and audio visual materials which government funds do not provide. Each troop has adopted a class.

Among items needed are repairable tricycles and dolls and basic play furniture. Training attempts to give the children a "realistic home experience." Many of the children have never used crayons, paste, etc. or a thousand other objects many youngsters take for granted.

DURING THE Christmas vacation last month, girls in Cadet Troop 147 made 20 stuffed animal pillows which were stuffed with coloring books. In addition, 20 red oilcloth boots trimmed with white cotton were completed.

Silver Spur Junior Troop 259 made red felt stockings which were filled with gifts from Junior Troop 180. All the gifts were delivered to children in the three classes adopted by the girls.

Any troop in the area may adopt one of the classes, according to Mrs. Joseph Thurmond. Information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Thurmond at 378-1995.

Students Will Hear Astronaut

Four Torrance high schools have been invited to participate in an Offshore Exploration Conference at Long Beach Feb. 23. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Board of Education Monday.

Dr. Hull said the four Torrance schools are among 52 Los Angeles area high schools selected to receive invitations. About 100 students from each school may attend the conference.

Sponsored by major oil companies, the conference program will include a special presentation for high school students. Scott Carpenter, the astronaut who recently spent 30 days underwater in Sea Lab II, will be the featured speaker. A model of Sea Lab II will be displayed.

Bus transportation for the conference will be provided by the schools.

Pre-School Enrollment Dates Set

A seven-day registration period for children who will enter kindergarten next month will be held in all Los Angeles City Schools beginning next Monday.

The pre-school registration period will continue through Tuesday, Feb. 1. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students will be accepted on the basis of oldest first, with 390 children now on waiting lists to be accepted first. State law requires children entering kindergarten this spring to be 5 years old on or before May 1, 1966.

Parents should accompany their children for registration and be prepared to furnish proof of age. In addition, all children must have been immunized against polio.

BankAmericard Sales Expand Here in '65

Sales of BankAmericard in California jumped 29 per cent in 1965 to set new gross sales records of \$185,900,000 for the year, according to a bank spokesman.

In addition, the increase of \$41,500,000 over last year's total of \$144,400,000 is the largest in the card's six-year history, said Kenneth V. Larkin, vice president in charge of installment credit and BankAmericard activities.

The number of businesses honoring the card increased 12 per cent during the year, from 40,000 in 1964 to 45,000 in 1965, he said. Since many of these businesses have multiple locations, there are now approximately 50,000 outlets honoring the card in California. Cardholders total more than 1,250,000 in the state, he said, and the card may be used at 154 different categories of business and professional establishments.

BankAmericard, Larkin said, is the largest bank credit card in the nation.

During the year, the card raised its cash advance maximum, enabling card holders to obtain up to \$350 in cash by presenting their cards at branches of Bank of America.

Early Bird Classes Set At El Camino

Utilization of physical education facilities at El Camino College has resulted in the scheduling of several health and physical education classes at 7 a.m., Gerald W. Brown, coordinator of instruction announced this week.

Beginning badminton, aquatics, and an introduction and orientation to physical education, health, and recreational leadership are courses which will be offered in early morning hours.

Beginning badminton will be given on Mondays and Wednesdays, aquatics on Mondays through Fridays, and health on Mondays through Fridays.

Brown explained that these classes might prove to be the forerunners of an extended program of 7 a.m. courses in other areas.

Offering 7 a.m. classes is not unique to El Camino; at many Southland colleges and universities it is a standard practice.

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