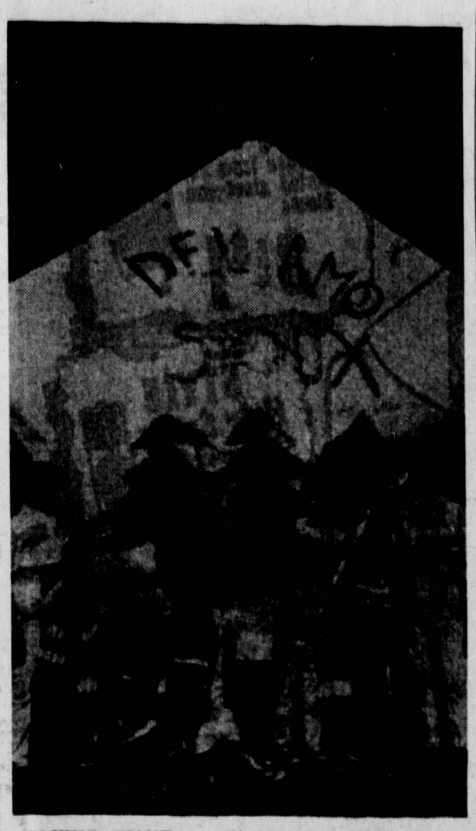

FLYING GIANT . . . Biggest entry in the recent YMCA-sponsored kite contest was this giant put in the air by members of the Del Amo Sioux Indian Guides, shown here with the monster. The kite stood 14 feet 2 in height and was the same width across the face.

. . . Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

So much has been written and said about the now famous Kienholz Exhibition at the Los Angeles County Art Museum that I have hesitated to mention it. In my opinion, the County Supervisors were so wrong to try and judge art for the masses — let alone the moral or immoral implications that might affect people.

It is common knowledge to anyone who has even a smattering of an art background that artists throughout history have been maligned and browbeaten by the "powers that be" of their particular era. History has generally proved that these artists have contributed to a continuation of contemporary expression long before society in general has accepted their forms. It may be that Kienholz will fall into this category.

Kienholz has come out of this "paper battle" with flying colors. The publicity was worth millions. The lines are usually waiting about 60 minutes to get into the gallery to see his tableaux. How lucky for him. I tried—but could not find anything obscene or pornographic about his assemblages. They are moving and really hit to the core of our existence—but pornographic, no.

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"THE WAIT" was one of my favorities. The feeling that old, old people get while waiting, must surely be expressed by this tableaux. Bare bones showing — the young photograph for a face —the gallery of photos on the table—and best of all, just the simple seated position completed the feeling of total resignation to the triumph of time.

As a child, did you ever go into the local 'haunted house" out of curiosity? If there were any pieces of furniture left in the rooms you perhaps experienced a feeling of close association with someone else's life—just by observing the type of furniture, how worn it had become, pictures on the wall, the smells and most of all—the age. "The Wait" gave me that same feeling, as though I were peeking into someone else's existence.

The abstract realism of "Barney's Beanery" is difficult to describe. The smells, the sounds, and the feeling that you've been here before is eerie, to say the least. It's like walking into the death of time—the clocks for faces on all of the customers symbolically portrays the wasting of time that we all have done at some time or other. Walk into any bar yourself and you'll get the feeling that everyone should really be somewhere else.

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THE AHMANSON Gallery that houses the museum's permanent collection is a gem of a gallery. Just yesterday a friend told me that she didn't like the way that the Ahmanson Gallery was planned. I disagreed with her and pointed out that it is not only esthetically well done but manages to concentrate many paintings into small areas. If she had ever walked through the Louvre in Paris, the Uffizi in Florence, or the Prado in Madrid, she would really appreciate our museum.

Titus by Rembrandt is the prime display in this gallery. It is, without a doubt, a magnificent work of art. The setting kind of threw me—in fact I passed the room twice before I dared enter. I almost expected to see the Pope sitting there, but it was a painting. Couldn't get any closer than ten or twelve feet—but it was enough to see and enjoy the painting.

There are many examples of contemporary art that I want to go back and see again. I always pause before paintings or sculpture of this kind so that I can listen to the mutterings by the "know-it-alls." As usual I heard the old familiar, "what's so good about that? My six-year old could do better, much better." I've heard it in Chicago, New York, Paris, Rome, and Los Angeles.

So what else is new?

RALPH D. MOORE
To Visit Torrance

Moose Day To Honor Governor

Tuesday has been proclaimed Moose Day in Torrance by Mayor Albert Isen in honor of a visit here by Ralph D. Moore, Governor General, of Mooseheart, Ill.

The Torrance Moose Lodge 785 is planning a large enrollment class in honor of the day. Activities will be held at the Moose Lodge, 1744 Carson St.

Moore has been governor-general of the Loyal Order of Moose since 1951. His tasks for the fraternity include interpreting the general laws and establishing policies and procedures to guide the more than 1,900 lodges.

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Moore served five years in the County Attorney's Office after earning his law degree at Des Moines College of Law. He resigned a post as a municipal court judge to become governor-general of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the Century Division of the 25 Club and holds the Pilgrim's Degree of Merit.

Preceding the enrollment, the Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, will serve a steak dinner.

Leaders from Moose Lodges in the surrounding area will be guests at the events.

GOP Group To Support Corey's Bid

Republican Wendell Corey, who is opposing incumbent GOP Congressman Alphonzo Bell in the 28th Congressional District, was endorsed Saturday by the United Republicans of California (UROC) of Area 13 at a Playa del Rey convention.

UROC members from Area 13 also endorsed Robert Cline in the 22nd District and incumbent Edward Reinecke in the 27th District.

State Senate candidates endorsed by the UROC Area 13 convention include John Harmer in the 21st District, Sam Gavnar in the 22nd District, Lou Cusanovich in the 23rd District, and Robert Stevens in the 25th District.

Area 13 includes North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Burbank, Westwood, Saugus, Tujunga, Santa Monica, part of Torrance, and the Beach Cities.

The convention also adopted two resolutions for submission to the UROC State convention, to be held May 29 in Bakersfield. The resolutions oppose the proposed Demonstration Cities Act and the current proposal to renegotiate the 1903 Panama Treaty which would give Panama sovereignty over the Panama Canal.

LUCKY WINNER . . . Robert Whyte (second from left), account manager of General Mill's grocery products division presents a check for $1,000 to Donald Smith of 5019 Carmelyn St. Looking on are Ted Sandoval (left), manager of the Food Giant Store at 4848 190th Street, and Clarence Owston, assistant regional manager for General Mills. Smith won the $1,000 after matching the serial number of a $1 bill with a serial number listed in the General Mill's Lucky Bucks Sweepstakes. (Press-Herald Photo)

HONOR COMMISSIONER . . . Los Angeles Pension Commissioner Vincent M. Burke (right), a candidate for the State Senate in the 25th District, was honored last week by the Peace Officers Research Association of California. Burke was cited for his efforts to place pension legislation on special call at the current session of the State Legislature. With Burke is Police Chief T. E. De Berry of El Segundo.

GI BILL

Benefits To Begin In June

Some 44,000 post-Korean Conflict veterans in California are expected to take advantage of educational provisions in the new GI Bill in its first year, Mort Webster, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Los Angeles, has revealed.

The program will begin June 1 and applications currently are available at the VA regional office and at most colleges and universities in California, Webster said.

In general, Webster stressed, the educational program will be open to all veterans with more than 180 days of active duty service—any part of which occurred after Feb. 1, 1955.

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THE NEW bill provides for one month of education for each month or fraction of a month of active duty. Courses may be taken at approved colleges and universities, correspondence schools at the high school level, or in vocational schools.

Veterans will receive $100 per month if they are enrolled for a full-time course and have no dependents. Veterans with one dependent will get $125 per month, while two dependents will entitle veterans to an allowance of $150 per month. Proportionate rates will be paid for those enrolled in part-time courses.

THE MAXIMUM period allowed is 36 months — the equivalent of four regular nine-month school years. Previous education or schooling under a VA program will be subtracted from their current eligibility.

Peace Officers Group Pays Tribute to Burke

City Pension Commissioner Vincent M. "Vince" Burke has been honored by the Peace Officers Research Association of California, representing 24,000 law enforcement officers in California.

Nearly 150 law enforcement officers and police chiefs from various incorporated cities in the county turned out for the tribute to Burke, according to Sgt. Charles Oates, legislative chairman and a member of Torrance Police Department.

Burke, president of the Los Angeles City Police and Fire Pension Commission, was honored for his efforts in placing pension legislation before the special call of the State Legislature. The bill has already passed the Assembly.

Bill Bean, association vice president and a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, made the presentation at a meeting in Sherman Oaks.

The resolution unanimously adopted by the association's Los Angeles chapter reads in part:

"Pension Commissioner Burke has provided the assistance necessary to have AB 128X introduced in extraordinary session.

"This is initial legislation to provide for retirement at age 50 for local police officers and firemen (outside the city of Los Angeles) under the State Employees Retirement System."

Burke was presented a plaque expressing the "deep-felt appreciation" of all association members.

Burke, Pension Commissioner, an appointee of Mayor Sam Yorty, lives in Playa del Rey. He is a candidate for the State Senate in the 25th District.

Minister Is Elected to Advisor Post

The Rev. Lloyd Warneke, pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave., was elected circuit counselor by the 327 delegates of the Southern California District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The convention was held in Santa Monica.

As circuit counselor, Mr. Warneke will serve as advisor to ten Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod congregations in this area.

The Southern California District comprises 210 congregations with 105,000 members.

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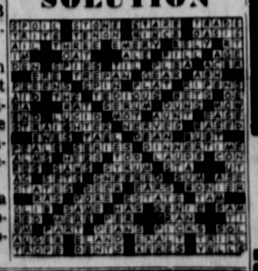

Drug Chain Sponsors Scholarships

Thrifty Drug Stores this week presented a check covering three full scholarships for the academic year 1966-67 to the School of Pharmacy at the University of Southern California. Presentation of the scholarships was made by Manny Borun, executive vice-president of Thrifty Drug Stores, to Dr. Alvah G. Hall, Dean of the School of Pharmacy.

The presentation marked the 13th consecutive year Thrifty has presented the scholarships in the interest of encouraging and assisting students to pursue the profession of pharmacy. The administration of the scholarships and selection of the students to receive them will be under the direction of Dr. Hall.

The reputation for excellence enjoyed by the School of Pharmacy is world wide and its training of young men and women for this important health service in the community is without peer, Borun noted. Dr. Hall revealed the school now has 435 undergraduate and graduate students, with 24 professors and instructors conducting classes.

In presenting the scholarships, Borun stated, "We at Thrifty Drug Stores recognize the need to encourage interest among outstanding young men and women to follow the profession of pharmacy and fill the continually expanding needs created by the unparalleled growth of the community. To work with the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy in this program to help worthy students is indeed a pleasure."