



KENNETH DONAHUE
New Museum Director

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Had another rewarding visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art yesterday I enjoy this museum more and more each time I can grab a couple of hours for a look. Although I have been to most of the major museums in the world, I can honestly say that I enjoy the Los Angeles Museum the most.

The Louvre in Paris was not built as a museum and consequently is spread over a large area — the Uffizi in Florence takes a great deal of walking as does the Prado in Madrid... so one reason our museum is to my liking — is the compactness, yet with a feeling of well regulated space.

Plenty of seats when you get tired. Enough drinking fountains... and last of all, restrooms for the weary. Europeans frown on installing such luxuries as restrooms in their museums... just try to find one in the Louvre. It took thirty minutes to find one in there a few years ago. After asking about 10 attendants, I finally found it by pushing a panel in the wall to get in.

WHAT A SURPRISE to find so many fine Picassos here. The Chicago Institute of Art has one of the most comprehensive collections of Picassos anywhere... but I didn't expect Los Angeles to have such prizes as a 1901 portrait of a woman. My favorite was a 1903 Blue Period painting of a man and woman... but I can't translate the title yet.

The special exhibition in the Lytton Gallery of the museum until July 31 is "American Paintings from the Metropolitan Museum of Art." I didn't have time to see the exhibit... but I most certainly will — and I'll do a special article on it then. I read somewhere that the Metropolitan and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art were first and second in attendance last year... that's in the world — not in the United States.

This exhibition of 125 paintings selected from the extensive collection of the Metropolitan will be shown

only in Los Angeles and San Francisco. It surveys the entire history of American paintings from the early 18th to the 20th Century. More and more, the richness of America's Art background is being understood and appreciated... so be sure and see this exhibition.

KENNETH DONAHUE has just been appointed as the permanent Director of the Los Angeles Museum. A museum of this caliber must have a top-notch man directing... apparently this is so. Donahue is 51 and was born in Louisville, Ky. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University.

The list of his accomplishments is too long to relate, but he has a long record of lecturing at and directing various museums throughout the United States. He drew national attention in 1954 as the chief government witness in the Chicago Kretschke Case, in which he proved the validity and established the value of a group of stolen 17th century paintings. And this brings me to the most important reason I'm so interested in Mr. Donahue... he is an international authority on Italian Baroque Art.

Some time ago, March 8, 1966 to be exact, I wrote to Mr. Donahue asking for a little assistance in determining the validity of a painting by The Carracci that we own. The Carracci were three prominent painters of the Baroque Period — so what a stroke of luck that such a man as Mr. Donahue should be here in Los Angeles. I'm still waiting for an answer to the letter... maybe I should have included a self-addressed envelope.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

Attending a workshop on "Innovations in Secondary Education" sponsored by California State College at Fullerton and Fullerton High School District is Marcus Caldwell, assistant principal at Torrance High School.

National Leaders Tour 'Y'

More than 150 YMCA secretaries from throughout the United States took a look at the Torrance Family YMCA last week, according to Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA.

The visitors were among 1,400 delegates to the 10th annual triennial conference of the North American Association of YMCA Secretaries. The conference was held in Los Angeles.

Wilcox said the Torrance "Y" was one of two selected in the Los Angeles metropolitan area for showing to the visiting secretaries.

THE VISITORS were told the Torrance "Y" operates one of the largest camping programs in the United States. The Torrance program serves 6,200 families and some 3,400 individual campers each summer.

Wilcox is serving as worship chairman for the Los Angeles conference. Other Torrance staff members attending the meeting include Paul Egelund, Wanda Mitchell, Art Sears, and Alpha Renz. Theme of the conference is "Uniting for Commitment and Relevance." Special attention is being paid to problems created by social changes in America.

More than 60,000 people have toured the facilities of the Torrance YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., since the new building was opened three months ago.

Exercises Mark End Of Classes

Graduation of the two novice Harbor-Lite Dog Obedience Club classes were recently held at Peck Park.

Highlight of the graduation was the presentation of the trophies to the highest scoring handlers and dogs. Trophy winners of the Wednesday night classes were: Richard Holmes, Manhattan Beach, German Shepherd; Junior Handler, Kris Hollis, San Pedro, Keeshond; Charles Gilkinson, Rolling Hills Estate, Airdale. High scoring Junior-handler trophy was awarded to Kris Hollis and her Keeshond.

THE WINNERS of the Saturday afternoon class were: Mrs. Timothy Weber, San Pedro, Doberman Pincher; Mr. Harold Loveman, Rolling Hills Estates, Miniature Poodle. Highest scoring Junior-handler was won by Denise Stehula, Manhattan Beach, Miniature Poodle.

Judging the graduations were Mr. Arthur Fanslow of Inglewood, and Mrs. Janette Potter of Norwalk.

Graduation of the advanced class was also held on Saturday. Winning with a score of 198½ was Mrs. Marilyn Apple of Portuguese Bend, Miniature Schnauzer.

NEW registration dates are set for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. Classes are limited to not more than 20 handlers and dogs. Dogs should be three months old or older and be equipped with a slip collar and six-foot leather training leash.

The dog obedience classes are held at Peck Park, 560 N. Western, San Pedro. Instructing the classes is Marty Lehr.



FIREWORKS BLAMED... A "missile-like" device was blamed for a fire at the Leslie Lovell home, 326 Via Colusa, Wednesday afternoon which did an estimated \$20,000 in damages to the house. The Lovell home is one of five damaged by fireworks-caused fires in the past four days. Some 50 fires have been blamed on fireworks since the "safe and sane" fireworks were placed on sale here last Tuesday. One fireman was injured fighting the blaze at the Lovell home. (Press-Herald Photo)

Obituaries

Isa Rutledge

Isa Roy Rutledge, 24-year resident of this area, died here Wednesday at age 61. Services were held yesterday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Rutledge, of 2006 W. 237th St., was a member of the Wilmington Masonic Lodge. He was associated with the Fellows and Stewart Boat Builders for six years. He is survived by his widow, Velma; a niece, Nancy Banks of Hanford, Calif., and a nephew, Lawrence Rutledge, now in the Navy.

Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Martha Sparalich

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Martha Bertha Sparalich, 68, of 921 Sartori, who was a 15-year resident of the area previous to her death here June 24.

Graveside services were held at Roosevelt Memorial Park, with Stone and Myers in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by a daughter, Harriette Oumette, of Highland, Calif., and seven grandchildren. Officiating at the services was Rev. William J. Rolender of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance.

Child Killed When Brakes Fail on Truck

A Rolling Hills child was killed Wednesday when struck by a runaway truck in front of her home.

Laurie Berry, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Berry, was playing in front of her home at 5317 Wau-paca Road when the brakes failed on a parked truck. The van rolled down the hill, jumped a curb and hit the child, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Driver of the truck was David Rogers, 22, of Long Beach.

ONE OF FIRST

Michael R. Stetson of 1427 El Prado, a political science major at St. Mary's College, is one of 86 students selected to comprise the first class this fall in the School of Law at the University of California, Davis.



ANNIVERSARY CAKE... Harbor General Hospital observed its 20th anniversary Friday and a party marking the event was held for the staff. Cutting the huge cake are Leslie R. Smith, hospital administrator, and Bernadine Clark, R.N., who joined the hospital staff in July, 1946. Watching the cake cutting are several of the hospital's 20-year veterans. (Press-Herald Photo)

Active 20-30 Clubs Start Weekly Meetings

The newly formed Torrance Active 20-30 Club is now meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 at Filippone's Restaurant, 4525 Calle Mayor.

This new service club held its first meeting June 7. It is being sponsored by the Imperial Active 20-30 Club of Inglewood and the San Pedro Active 20-30 Club. Official chartering of the new club is scheduled for the end of July. It is anticipated that the new club will start with 25 to 30 charter members.

At the last club meeting, held June 28 at the Imperial

Bank's Torrance office, is still time for interested young men to become charter members of the organization.

Young business or professional men either living or working in the Torrance area are invited to attend the regularly scheduled meeting every Tuesday night.

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