



READING FOR ENJOYMENT . . . Torrance Junior High School students are shown in Darrel Slocum's classroom participating in a special reading class featured in the school curriculum. (Torrance Herald Photo).

SUPERVISORS ASK AID IN SCHOOL PLAY PLAN

County supervisors are on record in favor of board member Leonard J. Roach's bill providing state funds to finance a community recreation program throughout California.

Roach pointed out that the public has millions of dollars invested in school facilities but funds are lacking to use this equipment.

Under the measure, the state would provide \$10,000,000 on a matching basis to counties, school districts and cities, allocations made through a newly created State Recreation Commission.

Roach commented that if sufficient support is given his proposal it can be passed at the budget session of the legislature next March.

In presenting his motion, Roach declared, "This plan has received such enthusiastic backing, and so many people throughout the entire State want to help to make it a reality, I am offering this means of coordinating all activities to that worthy end."

"It is absurd to have millions of dollars invested in facilities that lie locked and darkened just at the hours when idleness constitutes a step toward delinquency," Roach says. "The small cost of keeping them open would be more than offset by the savings accruing in a law abiding community."

Authority for the plan is contained in the Civic Center Act of 1913 which provides that each and every public school building and grounds may be used by the citizens for supervised recreational activities.

Under the Roach proposal, the State would provide funds for supervision of recreational facilities and hobby workshops in the schools for juveniles and adults. Each school would provide activities in accordance with the needs of the community.

"The matter will be purely a community project, and since each community stands to benefit by a lawful happy citizenry, it will be the community civic

groups who will seize this opportunity now and adapt it to their list of their worthwhile accomplishments," Roach believes.

The bill which Roach had drawn up will appropriate ten million dollars to be allocated to the counties, school districts and cities on a matching basis. Allocations will be made thru the newly created State Recreation Commission.

Roach requests support of organizations and citizens for the bill, stating that if sufficient support is given, it can be passed at the Legislature's Budget session in March.

H.C. PTA Yule Party

Seventeen directors of the Harbor City P.T.A. Tuesday enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of their president, Mrs. Fred Kroll, 1233 Ravenna ave., Wilmington.

Recordings of favorite Christmas music entertained the group, which also enjoyed a humorous gift exchange. Directors posed for pictures in front of a large decorated tree.

Refreshments in the form of Christmas decorations were served and a matched set of earrings and brooch were presented to Mrs. Kroll.

Attending were the Mesdames J. M. Wildenhain, Herman Ludwig, Eugene Leill, Audrey Mathews, Corrine Anderson, John Jimenez, Marvin Scott, Cherrie Coates, James Cloninger, Floyd Austin, W. S. Whittingham, Gayle Gowdey, Blanche Barrata, Carl Westfall, Fred Kroll, Jane Rye and Miss Helen Smith.

GASKELL TO TAKE MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY CLUB

Charles W. Gaskell, manager of the Wilton hotel in Long Beach, announced today that shortly after Jan. 1 he will take over the operation of the Palos Verdes Country Club as a lessee for a five-year period, with an option for an additional five years.

The club will be completely refurbished and remodeled. Gaskell said and will be provided with modern facilities for dining, banquets, receptions and weddings.

DESPONDENCY LEADS TO DEATH OF MRS. CORSARO

Despondent because of ill health, Mrs. Alice Corsaro, 38, committed suicide by hanging in the garage of her home, 21019 Valerie street.

Tony Corsaro, 40, the woman's husband, told sheriff's officers that his wife had been operated upon several times recently.

RODENT DAMAGE

According to information from the Federal Department of Agriculture rats and mice account for the loss of \$200,000,000 worth of grain in this country yearly, based on the 1945 prices.

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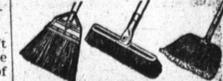
By GENE BYRNES

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ANCIENT CULTURE
The first succession of ancient cultures ever unearthed in Outer Oceania has been found by a University of California anthropologist in Fiji.

EARLY INDIAN TRADE
Trade between California Indians and those of the Arizona-Colorado area flourished as early as 200 A.D., a University of California study indicates.

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TOP ENROLLMENT

University of California Extension officials predict that classes at Extension centers in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Long Beach and San Diego will top all records for spring enrollments in January.

VISUAL EDUCATION AID

University of California Extension will publish a new catalog of visual education aids in mid-December. The catalog will list more than 5,000 motion picture reels available to schools, clubs and organizations.

NEBRASKA PRODUCTS

Farm products of Nebraska consist of corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, sugar beets, potatoes, buckwheat, flax, clover and sorghum.

William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska was nominated for the Presidency of the U. S. three times.

PREHISTORIC APE AGE

The University of California African expedition has found fossil mammals in a South African cave deposit which may help give the age of a prehistoric man-ape.

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PRESIDENT-CHIEF JUSTICE

To date William Howard Taft is the only President of the U. S. to later become Chief of Justice of the U. S. Supreme court.

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