YWCA Program Director Busy With Assignments

Taking an active part in Torrance community affairs is Miss Lois E. Allsebrook, who has made many friends since she has taken over the positions of counsellor and director of the young adult program for the Young Women's Christian Association.

Well-qualified for her work with young people, Miss Allsebrook majored in psychology at the University of Denver and took special courses in guidance and in student personnel at Columbia University Teachers College in New York, where she earned her master of arts degree, majoring in guidance.

After her graduation from Denver University, she became residence hall counselor at Stephens College at Columbia, Mo. With the outbreak of World War II she immediately became a hospital recreation worker for the American Red Cross in Army hospitals.

LOIS E. ALLSEBROOK
'Y' Program Director

It was following the end of the war that Miss Allsebrook decided California had more charms than other places and she became counselor and young adult program director for the San Pedro Y.W.C.A. The Torrance YW office in the Welfare center is administered from the San Pedro YW office, as well as the Wilmington YW center.

Following the resignation of Miss Helen Lockwood as local YW director, Miss Allsebrook asked for the assignment and began her work here following a well-earned vacation.

She was born and reared in Colorado and attended San Diego State Teachers College as an undergraduate for two years before receiving her degree from the University of Denver in 1936.

Mrs. A. E. Palmer and Mrs. J. P. Montague recently were selected to head the YWCA committee with Mrs. Carl J. Forkum as secretary for the group. Sponsor of the local "Y" organization is Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

YWCA services for the teenagers will be inaugurated as a new program feature this year. Clubs may be organized for girls of junior high and high school age and will be affiliated with other Y-Teen clubs in Southern California for conferences and summer camping.

Announcements will soon be made regarding YWCA activities for young employed women and those whose homes are a full-time job.

Any women or girls interested in participating in any part of the program or in serving as a leader of some group are asked to call Miss Allsebrook at the Welfare Center, Torrance 1356.

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High School PTA is Represented at CCPT Meeting

Representing Torrance High School P.T.A. at the First District California Congress of Parents and Teachers held in Redondo Union High School, were Mrs. W. E. Bowen, council president; Mrs. Verne Barlow, high school P.T.A. president; Mmes George E. Baer, A. C. Turner, C. W. Jenkins, John Spiller, Elmer Moon and Erwin A. King.

186th STREET PTA TO MEET IN SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON

Members of 186th Street P.T.A. will meet at 2 p.m. this afternoon in the school where an enjoyable program has been arranged.

Mrs. Grace Page, member of the faculty, will open the program with a brief talk on "Courtesy," to be followed by the school nurse, who will discuss 'Nutritional Values for School Children."

An original skit, "It's Up to Us" by Mrs. Leo Wagner, also will be presented and will be portrayed by two teachers and five P.T.A. members. Hostesses for the social hour to follow include Mesdames Ross, Gilligan, Mathews and Rutherford.

A board meeting at 12:45 in the teachers lunch room will precede the afternoon session.

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MISSIONARY GROUP COMPLETES PLANS FOR GUEST MEETING

Plans are under way for the monthly meeting of the Women's Society of World Service of Central Evangelical United Brethren church to be held in Guild Hall Wednesday Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

Leader of the meeting will be Mrs. Julia Summer, local member of the society who spent some years as a missionary in Africa.

Mrs. Clara B. Tyson and Mrs. Ray Harper will serve as hostesses. Women of the church and their friends are cordially invited.

Gifts of used clothing and all kinds of sewing and mending materials are being accepted for the box to be sent to Europe.

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Men have more ways of amusing themselves than of doing anything else they do..
—**Walter Bagehot**

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In troubled water you can scarce see your face, or see it very little, till the water be quiet and stand still. So in troubled times you can see little truth; when times are quiet and settled, truth appears.—**John Sheldon:** From Table Talk from Ben Jonson to Leigh Hunt.

New Contract Bridge Laws

Explained by RICHARD L. FREY

INSUFFICIENT BID

The insufficient bid is a frequent offense. An opponent bids two hearts, and you bid two diamonds—either a slip of the tongue or because you thought he bid one heart. Usually no real damage has been done. The lawmakers, appreciating this, have made a brand-new—and extremely liberal.

The new law gives the offender three choices. First: If an insufficient bid is corrected with the lowest possible bid of the same denomination, there is no penalty. (Formerly, the offender's partner was barred for one round of bidding).

Second: You may make any other bid. (For instance, if you made that insufficient bid of two diamonds, and you don't want to bid three diamonds, you can change to three no trump or anything else). But if you do this, your partner is barred from further bidding.

Third: You may pass. (This privilege the laws never before have accorded). If you pass, though, you commit your partner to pass thereafter. You may, if you wish, reenter the bidding later, but if an opponent plays the hand, he may call the opening lead.

The privilege of passing prevents harsh penalties in cases like this: An opponent says something about spades, and you think he has opened the bidding with one spade. You overcall with two clubs, and to your horror he actually bid four spades. You don't want to bid five clubs; heaven only knows how many you might be set. Formerly, if you made an insufficient bid, you had to make it sufficient. This once went so far that, if the opponents wanted to, they could make you bid eight! Now you may pass.

Why the penalty when you pass? Because you have told your partner that you have, for example, a club suit; he wouldn't have known this if you hadn't made the insufficient bid, and the information may be worth a trick or more to your defensive play. The declarer is allowed to call a lead, to restore the trick to his side.

LEAD OUT OF TURN

A defender's lead out of turn may do considerable damage; but the former law (the declarer could name the suit to be led or not led) was not widely enforced. Players who automatically enforce the "mandatory" penalties, such as the two-trick penalty for a revoke, hesitate to use the "optional" penalties. The former lead-out-of-turn law permitted declarer to call a lead, but he didn't have to—and so he didn't. Sometimes he suffered for his generosity.

The new law is that the card led out of turn is a penalty card. Declarer may forbid the lead of that suit, but he may not specify the suit to be led. The correct leader may lead any other suit. However, if declarer wishes, he may treat the lead out of turn as correct and play to it.

This is a tremendous moderation of penalty. Under certain circumstances it will not adequately recompense the declarer; but, for that matter, the old penalty usually worked a hardship on the defenders, for the privilege of calling a lead frequently gave declarer more of an advantage than the offense had cost him.

As you might imagine, this radical change was not adopted without considerable discussion. The committees finally made the modification on three grounds. First: the laws are not designed to prevent dishonorable practices or intentional violations. No consideration was given to the possibility that under the new law a player might deliberately lead out of turn to gain an advantage. Against this kind of player, the only remedy suggested is ostracism. Second: If a defender carelessly drops a card, its exposure may do as much damage as if he had led it; yet in the former case there was no lead penalty. The new law was designed to make the cases uniform. Third: it was felt that everyone would be willing to follow a mandatory penalty (the incorrect lead becomes a penalty card).

The lawmakers remind bridge players that it is "reprehensible" to profit from an irregularity of your side that isn't adequately penalized. If your partner, out of turn, leads an ace against a slam, it is your duty to lead the card you would have led if he had not done it.

The new law makes no change about declarer's leading from the wrong hand. At the request of either defender, declarer must, if he can, lead a card of the same suit from the proper hand. But he does not have to play the out-of-turn card. It may be restored to his hand, and in proper turn he may play any legal card. Remember, declarer is never subject to penalty for exposing a card.

DUMMY'S RIGHTS

Time was when the dummy's principal right was going to warm up the coffee. But now even he gets a break.

The new law gives the dummy the right to warn his partner if he is about to lead from the wrong hand. (He wasn't permitted to do this before). In fact, the dummy may, and should, warn any player against infringing a law. Even to a defender he should say, "It's not your lead."

However, the dummy still loses all his rights if he looks at another player's cards (breach of bridge etiquette). Then, if he warns declarer against leading from the wrong hand, the defenders may decide which hand declarer should lead from. If the dummy calls attention to a defender's irregularity, declarer may not penalize it. And if he warns declarer in time for a revoke to be corrected, the opponents may require correction with declarer's highest or lowest proper card.

IMPROPER DOUBLE OR REDOUBLE

It is never proper to name a suit when doubling. Do not say, "I double a spade"; simply say, "Double."

The new naw has eliminated the severe penalty for naming a bid incorrectly when doubling it. The offender is merely deemed to have doubled the actual bid. This makes it safer to name the bid, but no more proper.

There are illegal doubles and redoubles (for instance, a player's doubling a bid his partner already has doubled). The new laws still penalize the offenses. The offender's partner is barred from bidding, and an opponent may cancel the previous double or redouble; but the offender may bid—so the former penalty barring both members of the offending side has been materially softened.

These, of course, are not all the changes in the new book of bridge laws; but most of the others cover cases that seldom arise except in the strictest club or tournament play. For example:

CONCESSION OF TRICKS

A new law makes it clear that a player can't be bound to a concession of a trick he has won or can't possibly lose. If a player, miscounting his tricks, says, "I'm down one," when he actually has made his contract, the tricks nevertheless speak for themselves; no bridge lawyer can prevent it.

IMPROPER REMARKS AND GESTURES

There is one law (an improvement—there used to be six), which works like this: If a player's remark or unmistakable gesture gives improper information during the auction, his side is barred from bidding. In addition, if an opponent plays the hand, he may "require or forbid the opening lead of a specified suit." For the same offense during the play, the offender's partner may be prevented from following the illegal suggestion. On any trick after the offense (but only one trick), an opponent may require a played card to be withdrawn if such play follows the suggestion.

"Talking across the table" is bad manners and frequently conveys a great deal of information. When it does, it should be penalized. But penalties of this kind are difficult to enforce without risking wounded feelings, so let us hope you can forget about this law and never have occasion to use it.

In most respects, however, the laws of contract bridge help you play the game, and they always should be uniformly followed.

The End.

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Chinese Paintings to Be Exhibited at L. A. County Museum

Arrangements have been completed for exhibiting about 50 Chinese paintings on silk and paper at the Los Angeles County Museum in Exposition Park from November 5 to December 5.

The collection will be the first major exhibit of its kind in Southern California. Included are Buddist paintings, landscapes as well as paintings of fishes, birds and flowers, done in a most exquisite and skilful manner and ranging from the T'ang Dynasty, 618-907 A.D. to the Eighteenth Century.

One rare and priceless painting in the collection is lent by the Honolulu Academy of Arts and has never been exhibited outside of Honolulu since the International Exhibition of Chinese Art in London in 1936. Several of the paintings are from the former Imperial Collection in Peking, China.

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RETURNS FROM LARAMIE

Mrs. Verda Oleta Beadle returned by plane Saturday from Laramie, Wyo., where she had been called to settle the estate of her late husband, Noland Roy Beadle, whose death occurred in Laramie last July. Mrs. Beadle is a National Supply Company employe.

Cunningham Home is Setting for Evening Party

Edward J. Cunningham, coach of the AmStan Soft Ball Team, and Mrs. Cunningham, were hosts to team members and their guests Saturday evening at their home, 1417 Cota ave.

Piano numbers by Mrs. Robert Golden, dancing and visits to the attractively arranged snack bar constituted a very enjoyable evening.

Guests included Messrs. and Mmes. Ray Green, Wilfred Tidland, Jimmy Sullivan, Lou Weigland and Bob Golden; Misses Jeanne Smith, Ola Field and Millye Pishkur, Messrs. Hank Brissinger, Johnny McTee, Edward Roswell, Philip Purinton, Eddie Dietlin and Don Merrell.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS SET COUNCIL FIRE FOR OCTOBER 17

The Grand Council Fire of the Los Angeles Council of Camp Fire Girls will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, at 3:15 p.m. at Occidental College Hillside Theatre, and will be open to the public.

Grand Council Fire is an annual event of the Camp Fire Girls at which time special recognition is given to leaders, assistants, and girls for their achievements during the past year.

"Harmony Together" is the theme of the Grand Council Fire. An Indian Pageant will be presented during the ceremony by various Camp Fire Girls and Horizon Club girls.

Fine Arts Class Elects Officers Plans Activities

Officers elected to serve the fine arts class, Torrance High School, evening school class under direction of Armen Arndt, include Mrs. S. Jenkins, president; Mrs. Jean Franz, vice president; Mrs. Ann Fatta, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lucile Gustafson, publicity chairman; Mrs. Ann Porter, Dave Porter and Betty Stone, member of the social committee.

Extra curricular activities include informal gatherings to be highlighted by discussions of art technique and appreciation by the class instructor, Armen Arndt.

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