

FALL PARK SCHEDULE UNDER WAY

A full slate of activities now is under way at six local parks and 16 playgrounds, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Supervised play programs are in effect at Anza, Arlington, Steele, Crenshaw, Greenwood, Hillside, Parkway, Wood, Madrona, Newton, Perry, Riviera, and Sepulveda schools on Saturdays and after school.

Monday through Saturday

programs of crafts games, stories, parties, cook-outs, and other special events are El Nido Park, directed by Bart Rowland, Judy Powell and Jim Jackson; El Retiro Park, led by Lloyd Harling and Mary Semeraro; McMaster Park, with Les Breitenfeldt, Dan Kelly, and Carol Cooper in charge; Sea-Aire Park, with leaders Frank Taylor, Howard Larimer, and Judi Reid; Torrance Park, headed by Dwight Stap-

ley, Darold Boyce, and Sharon Stewart, and Walteria Park with Marylou Sass, Bud Grant-ham, Frank Tyrrell and Clayton Mallard.

Each Saturday Walteria and El Retiro parks have cook-outs at noon, with hot dogs and hamburgers on the menu for 10 cents. Families take part. Ball diamond facilities are available at Walteria, with tennis courts at El Retiro.



Capt. Hideo Mori, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kokichi, of 309 E. 220th St., has recently been assigned to Altus Air Force in Oklahoma.

Captain Mori attended the Clovis Union High School at Clovis, Calif., and the University of California, and com-

pleted a military school of aviation medic at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. He was a physician prior to entering the service and is married and has one child, Kent S. Mori.

He is currently a medical officer general of the 4037th USAF Hospital at Altus Air Force Base, a 15th Air Force installation of the Strategic Air Command, the nation's global striking force.

Army Pvt. Charles E. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Allen, 2150 W. 256th St., Lomita, recently arrived at Fort Davis, Canal Zone, and is now a member of the 764th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

Allen is a wireman in the battalion's Headquarters Battery. He entered the Army in April 1957 and was last stationed at Fort Ord.

The 23-year-old soldier is a 1957 graduate of Los Angeles Harbor Junior College and was formerly employed by Douglas Aircraft Co. in Torrance.

Army Specialist 3/c Vincent R. Lechner, son of Vincent P. Lechner, 2441 W. 254th St., Lomita, recently took part in a field training exercise held by the 10th Infantry Division in Germany.

Specialist Lechner, assigned to Company B of the division's 29th Infantry, entered the Army in July 1956 and received basic training at Fort Ord. He arrived in Europe in February 1957.

Lechner was graduated from Narbonne High School in 1955 and was employed by the Johnson Service Co., Los Angeles, before entering the Army.



NEW MARINE . . . Graduated from recruit training as a woman Marine at Parris Island, S.C., was Pvt. Carolyn Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Hess, 1445 W. 214th St. A graduate of Narbonne High School, she has been assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.



NEW WAC . . . Pvt. Frances M. Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon, 1323 Amapola, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala. She is a 1957 graduate of Torrance High School.

Buddies Delighted, Mothers Scared by Boy's Museum

One of the town's youngest museum curators has a collection of pets which he likes to display from time to time in his garage—to the delight of his buddies and to the horror of many neighborhood mothers.

Charles McClung, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McClung, 242 Paso de las Delicias, has a collection which includes three species of lizards, a garter snake, a number of toads, a turtle, a tortoise, 17 parakeets, guppies, mosquito fish, and gold fish. The size and variety of the collection varies from time to time, however, due to new additions and the mortality rate of the pets.

Many Animals

The McClung household is the focal point of a neighborhood collection of animals, mostly reptiles. As the mood strikes them, Charles gets out his collection of animals, as well as a butterfly, rock, and shell collection, and his friends bring their pets to set up a museum.

Admission is free to all who are interested. The lengths of the museum hours vary, since his father doesn't like the idea of leaving the car outside the garage for long periods. The collection takes up most of the garage. The pets themselves occupy cages at the rear of the McClung lot.

With the aid of his father, Charles also has tried breeding parakeets with some success. The parakeet population now numbers 17. Breeding white mice proved less successful, since all of them died.

Mixed Feelings

Charles' mother is both pleased and frightened by the collection.

"I'm glad he has found something in which he is so interested and which occupies so much of his time, but I don't want anything to do with those snakes and lizards," she declared.

Many of the neighborhood mothers echo those sentiments. A student at South High School, Charles hopes to go into some phase of biology. When some of his pets die,

he gives them a respectful burial.

"I'd like to do autopsies on them, but I wouldn't know what I was looking at—yet," he declares.

Camping Excursions

The boy's interest in little creatures goes back about seven years. Annually, the McClungs go out camping and Charles was interested in bringing back some of the specimens they saw on their trips. On this summer's excursion, he brought back a garter snake from Hope Valley, 470 miles away.

He also makes side field trips to Walteria Lake and other nearby areas to gather lizards and toads, some of which he feeds to the garter snake.

The young biologist is toying

with the idea of going on a safari to collect a number of animals and selling them to his friends.

Pets Added

Sometimes, however, the McClung household is increased with the addition of neighborhood pets, when other mothers decide that they have had enough lizards running around for a while.

Young McClung likes to write reports on his animals, just for his own amusement, with special interest in dinosaurs and other pre-historic monsters. He also sketches his pets and copies pictures from textbooks.

Some of his most prized possessions are copies of Natural Geographic.

Aside from biology, he also collects records and is an avid dancer.



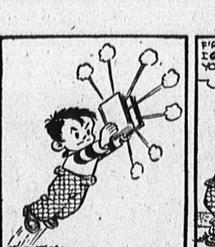
CURATOR AND DISPLAY . . . Charles McClung, 14, probably the youngest curator around, holds up one of his prize specimens—a tortoise. It may be a turtle to most people, but scientifically it's a tortoise, as Charles is quick to point out. Very interested in biology, he has a large collection of animals and does studies on them as a hobby.

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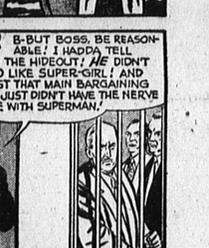
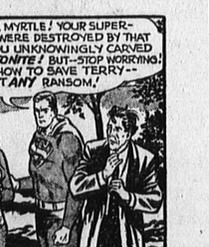
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