

Children Like Summer School, Teachers Find

Summer school ain't—whoops, isn't—what it used to be and Moms and Pops might be surprised at some of the reasons that more than 6350 children gave for attending Torrance summer school sessions which just ended.

"Summer school in Torrance is for everybody," declared Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, director. "It gives all children—the brighter, average, and slower—a chance for extra study. It also gives the schools a chance to try out new programs."

Best of all, summer classes don't up the local tax rate, since Torrance officials are careful to see that the attendance fees from the state pay for all the teachers' and principals' salaries.

WHY SHOULD children, whom tradition says should all hate school, want to go to class in summer? A survey taken by the schools shows that a number went because "Mama made me" or because "My friend, Joe, is going." A surprising number, however, made statements like this:

"I can learn something new."
"It's fun to work with books and I like to read."

"Our social studies is Indians and I like it very much."
"It's a chance to review work we had last year."

"I always wondered what made me tick. I saw it through the frog." (In a biology study.)
"If I stayed home, I'd probably be getting in trouble all the time."

"I learned something new in arithmetic that I didn't know before. I learned multiplication of fractions."

"I'd have liked it better if we had more fun, but summer school is to learn and not to play."

In classes throughout the district, some 4900 elementary and 1450 high school students added to their fund of knowledge this summer.

Many of the high school students took work for credit this summer, while others merely audited courses. A large number of eighth graders took classes which will help them in their high school work next fall. Many college-bound students took classes which they could not work into a pre-college schedule during regular sessions. Some, of course, made up courses they failed.

IN ADDITION to reading, writing, arithmetic, science, and other regular subjects, new or slightly different programs were tried at several schools. These include:

A model "Pan-American Congress" in Mrs. Irma Wilson's class at Riviera School. The students centered their studies around Pan-American affairs, writing papers, doing research, making maps, and figuring out math problems relating to that area. They held a Congress in which they debated Latin-American problems and discussed health problems of that area for science. A class from Long Beach State made a special trip here to view the class in action.

At Fern-Greenwood, Hamilton, and Parkway Elementary Schools, individual teachers tried programs emphasizing "work-study skills," or the research and map-reading abilities of their students. They emphasized geography and related skills.

At Carr Elementary School Mrs. Aurore de Luzardo's first and second grade students began the study of elementary Spanish. Mrs. de Luzardo is a native of Venezuela and former state department interpreter.

At Wood Elementary School two eighth grade girls took part in a "student teacher" program, under the supervision of James Armstrong and Hubert Brier, experienced teachers.

A speed reading course was introduced at North-South High summer sessions, with Harold Klonecky and Royce Adams teaching the courses. Students of all reading abilities, including the No. 1 graduate of North High, enrolled to help themselves read faster.

A speech therapy program was carried on at five schools, to help students with special problems, stuttering, lisping, etc., get needed extra help. In many classrooms, kindergarten

MISSOURIANS PICNIC
The Missouri State Society of Long Beach will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 23, at Bixby Park in Long Beach. It is the forty-ninth annual picnic. The program will begin at 1 p.m.

Alaska Jobs Scarce, Local Office Reports

Planning to visit Alaska? Then be sure to bring money and buy a round-trip ticket ahead of time, warns Murray Love, manager of the Torrance local office, California Department of Employment.

The blunt truth, Mr. Love said, is that job opportunities are scarce and living costs are high—from 19 per cent to 50 per cent higher than in Seattle, for example.

He quoted M. E. Weir, director of the Alaska Employment Security Commission as stating that unemployment figures ran higher for Alaska than elsewhere in the United States. In March nearly 20 per cent of the labor force was jobless, compared with an average 5 per cent nationally.

"The resident work force in Alaska is more than adequate for most employer requirements," Weir stated. He added that no immediate large increase in employment is expected for Alaska.

Mr. Love said the Torrance Local Office at 2007 W. Carson St., receives monthly up-to-date Alaska job information. Persons with an eye to going to the 49th state should by all means visit the local employment office and learn what, if anything, might be available in their line of work.

"If you want to start out for

Entry Blanks In Mail For Road Races

Entry blanks are in the mail for the 12th running of the Santa Barbara sports car road races Sat.-Sun., Sept. 5-6.

The traditional Labor Day weekend meet is one of the nation's biggest. President Perry Peron, of the sponsoring California Sports Car Club, looks for an entry list of well over 200.

Most of the West's leading drivers and cars are expected. Additionally, there's a good chance one or two drivers who have scored big on the European circuit will return to drive in the Channel City.

Another feature of the weekend will be the traditional concours d'elegance, to be held at the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel on Labor Day. This event always attracts the leading show cars in the state.

COLORADO STATE PICNIC
The annual Colorado State picnic will be held in Bixby Park, Long Beach, Saturday afternoon. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring sandwiches, covered dishes and table service. Ice cream, coffee and cake will be furnished.

Alaska regardless," Mr. Love concluded, "don't forget that round-trip ticket and plenty of money to meet your living expenses while you are there."

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