

Enrollment Cards Ready At El Camino

Reservation cards for spring enrollment at El Camino College are now available in the Registration Office, Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced yesterday. Full-time students who filed priority cards in the counseling office throughout the fall semester will head the list of enrollees as they sign for courses December 29 and 30. These students have been notified of their appointments by mail. Current part-time students and newcomers to the campus are required to obtain the Reservation Cards before they will be permitted to register, Mr. Sloan noted. Information regarding tests and the schedule of classes for the spring are available in the registration office.



SONGS OF THE ISLANDS . . . Now appearing in her special holiday engagement at The Palynesian in Torrance is Rosalie Stephenson. The famed Hawaiian singer will also headline an exotic South Sea Island floor-show on New Year's Eve at the tropical restaurant.

Books Are Still One of Greatest Paths to Learning Despite Video

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Despite the contrary views of

Ryan Offers Plant Course In Politics

Ryan Aeronautical has become the first California firm to start an In-plant "Action Course in Practical Politics," it has been announced by Harry Lintz, district manager of the United States Chamber of Commerce. John Wallace, legislative committee chairman for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said the course would be conducted by William Holmes, who handled the first course locally. Wallace, director of industrial relations for Ryan, is also a member of the Torrance airport commission. Holmes, training instructor at Ryan, has been honored by being asked to conduct a similar course for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce which is getting a course under way.

some TV addicts, books are still one of the greatest paths to learning. But keeping a steady supply of up-to-date, useful or entertaining books available for all our California residents through our public libraries is getting more difficult every day, the Senate interim committee on education was informed at a recent hearing. The present system of public libraries is operated variously by cities, counties, special library districts, and high school districts, and the state itself operates our fine state library. But in recent years practically every library has been confronted by the very grave problem of stretching a modest budget to meet rapidly expanding public demands for books, other visual materials, records and other sound materials.

In its original form, it would have established a system of state grants to local libraries in return for meeting certain prescribed standards for number of reference books, number of books purchased annually, and professional and clerical personnel. In its last amended form, the state grants were eliminated, but the bill retained the provisions which would permit local library jurisdictions to cooperate or consolidate to meet the standards set up. The bill was not passed by the Senate. Witnesses at the hearing were practically unanimous as to the need for improving public libraries. The plight of those in smaller communities was particularly stressed. They suffer from meager reference collections, a lack of resources to buy specialized or current books and materials, and shortages of adequately trained personnel. But it was also brought

out that larger libraries have these same ills. THE STATE AID proposal would have involved between two and three million dollars annually, as introduced. However, though united on library need for help from some source, the witnesses were anything but agreed as to the advisability of state aid. Most of those who questioned it, including spokesmen for the cities which operate most public libraries, did so on the ground that it would tend to interfere with local control of libraries. State aid, it was contended, would bring with it state apron strings and would eventually end local autonomy in library affairs. It was also asserted that needed improvements could be worked out on purely a local basis. The possibility was raised that smaller libraries might be induced to consolidate without financial assistance from the

state. In response to that, the committee was informed that efforts along that line had been tried for six years, but had not worked. State funds are absolutely essential, it was declared. MANY OF THE mechanics of cooperation or consolidation were reviewed. Exchange of technical or reference works between libraries, consolidation of borrowers' card systems, centralized cataloging, and cooperative handling of periodicals, are examples. While no definite conclusions were developed at the meeting, it was evidently the consensus that some sort of additional financial support must be developed for our public libraries. The people of California simply cannot afford to lose or let diminish the enormous values for the present and all future generations which have already been created in our libraries. The problem of their future is undoubtedly another that will occupy the attention of our 1961 session.

THE HEARING resulted from the introduction of a bill introduced at our last session.



IMPORTANT FINDINGS

Findings of vital importance to the nation's health in respect to cancer and other diseases are expected to result from the Life Research Study recently begun by the American Cancer Society. The six-year study will require 70,000 volunteers and will encompass half a million families over the nation.

Home Savings and Loan to Open 22nd Southland Office Monday

Thousands of free surprise gifts for everyone, including movie camera, TV set, Hawaiian dinners, Hawaiian holidays for two, and others are in store for Torrance area residents when Home Savings and Loan Assn. opens its 22nd Southland office at 1511 Cravens Ave. in downtown Torrance next Monday. Home Savings, largest savings association in America, will occupy the former Torrance city hall which has been undergoing extensive modernization during recent months. To become eligible for one of the many prizes to be offered during the celebration, persons need only to visit the new office between Dec. 28 and Jan. 9 and deposit his name. The winners will be selected Jan. 9th.

The Old Timer

"Dancing is one of the few remaining activities in which men lead women."



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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FIVE DAYS in Hawaii, the nation's 50th state, will head the list of prizes. Jerome B. Scott has been named to the executive position of managing Home Savings' new Torrance office. He will move up from the new accounts department of the Los Angeles main office. Scott has had more than 12 years experience in the financial profession, and held high posts in business prior to that.

HOME SAVINGS and Loan Assn. was organized in 1889 at a time when Queen Victoria sat on the English throne and young Henry Ford was dreaming of a horseless carriage. Los Angeles, at that time, had fewer people than Torrance has today—about 85,000, and sidewalks were being installed for the first time. W. A. Bonyng founded a small savings and loan association in a private home near 4th and Hill Sts. He transacted business over the counters of the Commercial National Bank, and kept records in his home . . . hence the name, Home Savings.

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