

Local Schools Studied By Visiting Israeli Educator

School systems in Southern California and Israel are similar in many respects, Mrs. Zahara Schachor, visiting Israeli principal, told Torrance school administrators last week. Mrs. Schachor is one of a group of educators from 70 countries who are visiting schools all over the U.S. under the auspices of the Federal Department of Education. She came to Torrance because, in growth problems and because its children come from many varied backgrounds.

"Children are much the same the world over," she noted.

Similarities she noted included double sessions, children of widely different backgrounds, similar educational philosophy, individualization of instruction, encouraging children to find their own answers, and encouraging of making of useful products.

Her own school, located at Nathanya, Israel, has children from 33 different national backgrounds, she said. Although classes are conducted in Hebrew, there sometimes is a language problem when new students enroll. However, the children pick up the language quickly.

English is taught in Israeli elementary schools, and the children sometimes wonder why the language is written "upside down," she said. Hebrew is written from right to left, while English is written from left to right. Israeli children sometimes have trouble with English because it is not phonetic. In high school, French is required.

Mrs. Schachor was much impressed by Torrance's "supermarket of knowledge," the Educational Materials Building, and its "efficiency and economy." She said she may investigate the possibilities of setting up such a system in her country.

The Israeli government supervises the curriculum of schools, with free education for all from five to 14. Local authorities provide buildings and supplies.

There are three different types of high schools in her country — academic, agricultural, and vocational. Students are enrolled in one of these, depending on their future plans. Since much of the country is a desert which is being



ISRAELI VISITOR . . . Shown inspecting facilities in the Torrance Unified School District's "supermarket of knowledge," the Educational Materials Building are Mrs. Trudy Leon Aldershof, curriculum consultant; Mrs. Zahara Schachor, Israeli visitor; and Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent. Mrs. Schachor was interested in the facility, and declared she will take the idea back to Israel.

converted to farmland, agriculture is an important subject. Mrs. Schachor's own elementary school has a farm, where children raise various products. Some of them even cook and eat the products in class.

During the past 10 years, the number of school children has grown six times, she said, with resulting problems. She found

many similarities in Torrance's problems, since the city's school population has grown five times in the same period.

"I hope that in a few years, our schools will be as well-equipped as yours," she declared. "In Israel, we are pioneering in a new land, much as your ancestors did."

Etta Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority is planning a theater party for Feb. 5 at 8:30 at the Torrance Plunge when the Footlight Theater of Torrance will present "Dear Ruth."

Etta Kappa members and husbands will attend. All members are selling tickets. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Ann Verne before Jan. 31. Proceeds from the show will be used for the chapter's charities.

The Arkayo Chamber Music players, a group of excellent amateur string players, meet every Monday evening from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Sportsman Club Park auditorium. The group studies and performs chamber music works of such great composers as Vivaldi, Corelli, Bach, Handel, Mozart and others.

This is a non-profit organization. Try-out or information for new members may be obtained by calling Ramond Koechlin or Mrs. Ruth Calkins.

Miss Judy Wolf, who had spent the mid-semester vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf on Halldale Ave. will leave today to resume her studies at UC at Santa Barbara.

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Jack Longs Moving To Garden Grove

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Long, 1222 Date Ave., Torrance, are moving to Garden Grove after 23 years residence here.

Mr. Long, who has been employed by the Torrance Unified School District since its inception, is now associated with Garden Grove Union High School District as head of District Buildings and Grounds, and is also coordinating new construction there. He was Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for 11 years in Torrance School District. For the past two years, he has assisted in land procurement and condemnation proceedings in the business division.

He was employed by the City of Torrance prior to World War II, as Assistant City Electrician and Electrical and Plumbing Inspector. During the war he was Chief Electrician's Mate aboard the A.R.D. 18 in Pacific waters and served several months as Chief Engineer.

Mrs. Long and their two children remained here in their home during that time, in which she was president of Fern Ave. PTA, worked in Red Cross, War Chest, and the War Ration Board. She is presently active in the Womens Auxiliary to Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Women's Club.

Their youngsters, Thomas E. Long of Redondo Beach and Roberta Long Boynton of Santa Paula attended kindergarten at Fern School and were graduated from Torrance High School. Tom served four years in the U.S. Navy after a year at El Camino College and is now completing his education while working for Redondo Beach Post Department.

Roberta worked in the Edison Company commercial office in Redondo Beach until her husband's transfer last year to Santa Paula, where he is Superintendent of Edison Co. division of that area.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

"YOU KNOW THE STORY"

Dear Ann: As you can see, this letter is being written in Japan. My mother sends me every one of your columns.

I'm 22 and have been in the army 20 months. When I left for overseas my girl promised to wait for me. We were not officially engaged but we had an understanding. Emily writes three times a week and her letters are wonderful. In every letter she says she loves me and can't wait till we're together again.

Last week my kid brother wrote that Emily is very pregnant. His guess is she'll have the baby next month. He said he debated for weeks before he decided to tell me.

It will be April before I'll be able to get home and learn the whole story. I think I still love her and want her for my wife. Please help a — MIXED UP G.I.

Dear Mixed Up: What do you want — a blueprint? You know the story. The only thing you need to be filled in on is the cast of characters.

A girl who would neglect to mention a detail like a baby on the way sounds like pretty poor wife material. Take your time, soldier and think over carefully the hazards if you marry a girl with this kind of history.

Dear Ann: I'm not one who likes to go around telling people how to live, but the letter from Y.C. burned me up. He said you must be some sort of a nut because you didn't think it was necessary for kids to play with toy guns.

Y.C. said he was raised with toy guns and it helped him become a good shot. I had toy guns when I was a kid, and I was a darned good marksman but last year I shot another hunter. It was his fault but I'll never get over it.

Anyone who thinks guns are a part of our American heritage is ignorant. Weapons of defense happen to be necessary in the kind of world we live in. But guns don't make for patriotism or love or brotherhood.

In addition to other symptoms of these sick times we have gun-totin' cowboys on every TV channel. American children are growing up to believe the best man is the one who is fastest on the draw — a fine commentary on our culture. — D. C. DISSENTER

Dear Ann: My grandmother is 87 years old. She has been in the hospital for five weeks. Every night my mother and dad go to see her. They insist that my sister who is 15 and I (17) go with them.

My two aunts come with their husbands but they don't drag their kids along. We can't see any point in spending two hours every night in the hospital. Grandma doesn't even know where she is or who we are.

Mom says this is the least we can do for Grandma in her last days on earth. What do you think? If you say we should go we won't say another word but our school work is falling off.—DRAGGED IN

Dear Dragged Pair: Under the circumstance it makes no sense whatever for you kids to spend every evening by the bedside of someone who doesn't know you're there.

If your parents feel they must go, fine, but I hope they will permit you kids to stay home where you belong so you can do your schoolwork.

Confidential to MAD DAD: Save your pipes. Some kids have to learn the hard way. When your son learns his lesson he'll know what to tell HIS son — who probably won't listen either.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' booklet "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) Copyright 1960, Field Enterprises, Inc.

Houseguests
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tom of Emporia, Kansas, are houseguests of Miss Mabel Conger, 1805 Gramercy Pl. They expect to be here for several days.



NAMED TEEN-AGE MISS . . . Miss Carol Johnson, right was named the Torrance "Teen-Age Miss" in a contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's club. Miss Johnson will enter district competition. Miss Kathleen Taylor, left, is the second place winner.

In State Competition

Juniors Announce 'Teen-Age Miss'

Two outstanding young women have been selected as first and second place winners in the "Teen Age Miss Contest" sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club. In first place is Miss Carol Faye Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Johnson of Torrance, and as second place winner is Miss Kathleen R. Taylor, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John L. Taylor. Rev. Taylor was formerly minister of the Torrance Methodist Church and has been transferred to Montebello.

Miss Johnson is 17 years of age and is an A-student at Torrance High School. She is active in the Tartar Ladies, Tri-Hi-Y and California Scholarship Federation at school and in the Luther League in her church. She has held the office of Sophomore class president and other offices in the Associated Student Body and on the Student Council. She also acted in the Junior and Senior plays and was nominated for Homecoming Queen as well. Carol has traveled a great deal and has had varied experiences which have served to heighten her enjoyment of life and appreciation of people. Her goal is to enter the teaching field in the lower grades and also to be married.

Kathleen Taylor is also 17 and an A-student at Torrance High School. She has been active in Tartar Ladies, Student Court and California Scholarship Federation, and has served on Sophomore, Junior and Senior State Councils. She has been extremely active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and also in the church choir.

"Kid" Party For Juniors

Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club were treated to a hilarious evening Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. as they attended a "Kid Party" presented by the co-ordinators of the Senior Woman's Club. The cleverly costumed Juniors played relay games, blew balloons until they popped in their faces, and even played drop the handkerchief. Those who pinned the tail on the donkey were surprised to find a jar of face cream instead of the donkey to receive the tails.

Following the games, Juniors were served gaily decorated cupcakes and ice cream cups with their coffee and favors.

Presenting the party were the co-ordinators, Mmes. A.F.R. Ewalt and R. E. Shaw, with the assistance of the Senior club's president, Mrs. J. W. Thuss.

New Nurses Celebrate With Party

Recent graduates of the Torrance Adult Evening Vocational Nursing program celebrated receipt of the licenses from the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners with a dinner party at home of Mrs. Joy Baker, 3714 224th St., Torrance.

Receiving the licenses were: Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Redondo Beach; Joy Baldwin, Marina del Rey; Viola Cirra, Cecilia Grace Dalton, Julia Gates, Maxine Lane, San Pedro, Pacheco, Wilmington; Katherine Howard, Lawton; Honored guest was Miss Morrison, instructor.

Eager to become the nurse possible, these women spent 18 months studying evenings, after busy days at work and in the home. Each has family responsibilities, yet found time to study the many hours required to master the theory of nursing. Six students remain to complete their course, at which time the class will be discontinued.

Following Jan. 28, all local women interested in securing vocational nurse training are urged to inquire at Harbor College, Wilmington, where a one year accredited day course in Vocational Nursing is offered.

Entertain Officials At Dinner

Supreme Officers of the Messiah White Shrine in Redondo Beach were entertained at a dinner at the Palms Jan. 18, after which they adjourned to the Messiah White Shrine which was opened by George Anderson, watchman of shepherds.

There was a courtesy visit by Supreme Worthy High Priestess to the Shrine with a special escort of Supreme Worthy High Priestesses. Other supreme officers present were Helen Patti, Supreme Worthy Shepherdess from Greenville, Ohio, and Maimie Reynolds Edwards, Supreme Worthy Guide from Covina.

They were followed by special escort supreme appointment Southern California, 16 supreme honorary officers, 18 past worthy high priestesses and 6 past watchmen of shepherds.

At close of Shrine, members adjourned to the dining room where refreshments were served by past worthy priestesses. Alice Miller was chairman for the evening. Helen Wilson, worthy high priestess of the Messiah Shrine presided at the meeting.

Fuchsia Unit Meets Feb. 9

North Torrance Branch of the California National Fuchsia society will meet Feb. 9 at the McMasters Hall, 174th and Yukon.

Mrs. Stephen Boyko, program chairman, will present Cleona Crozier, whose topic will be a "Caribbean Cruise." She will show colored slides of her trip.

On the refreshment committee are Mrs. Garrison Ruby, Mrs. Ida Hechinger and Mrs. Frank Hinkel.

At a recent meeting Frank Hinkel accepted the chairmanship of the Torrance Branch entry in the annual Shade Plant Show to be held in Long Beach in June by the California National Fuchsia Society.

The theme for this year's show "Fact and Fantasy" was submitted by Mrs. Frank Hinkel.

Institute New CDA Court Today

A new Catholic Daughters of America court in the Palos Verdes Estates will be instituted this afternoon. Mrs. Clancy and other state dignitaries will attend the ceremonies, scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Elks Club, 815 Esplanade, Redondo Beach.

Court Our Lady of Victory, Redondo Beach, of which Mrs. Ernest Tarrin is grand regent, will be the instituting court. A banquet will follow at 5 p.m. with a vocal program by the St. Lawrence Martyr Church choir. The new court has been organized by Mrs. Lyle E. Peters of Hollywood Riviera, CDA extension chairman for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Mrs. Eric Von Gartner of Westchester has been appointed district deputy for the new court.

The State Regent recently held three sectional meetings in the Los Angeles area, at Santa Maria, Van Nuys and Lynwood, with Courts Santa Maria, Corvallis and Madonna as hostesses. The meetings featured question and answer per-

Bridge Class Opens At Y

Do you have that left out feeling? When bridge players get together, do you sit there and say nothing or find the group has advanced beyond your playing ability? In either case the answer for you lies in the beginning and intermediate bridge classes to be held at the YWCA, 2220 W. Carson St., Torrance.

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