



THE TEACHER'S VOICE . . . Although she isn't around, Barry McMillan and Mickey Young can still hear their teacher's voice—over the tape recorder. Mrs. Mary Everett, Anza Elementary School, Torrance, uses the instrument for recording some of the class instruction and even uses it to give tests. She made the use of the instrument the subject of her master's thesis.

South High Student in Essay Finals

John Brooks, 420 Calle Mayor, Torrance, a 10th grade student at South High School, Torrance, was named yesterday as essay division honorable mention award winner in the eighth annual statewide Vision Conservation Institute of California poster and essay contest on "Safer Driving Through Better Vision." He had previously placed as a winner in the Los Angeles County area judging.

Dr. Earl L. James of Mar Vista, Los Angeles County chairman, announced the statewide winners at a meeting held during the 55th annual Congress of the California Optometric Association at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica.

First place carries an award of \$100 Savings Bond and a plaque, while honorable mention winners receive special certificates.

NOT TOO HIGH

The average altitude of the city of Torrance is less than 100 feet above sea level.

Tape Recorder Permits Teacher To Be Several Places at Once

Modern scientific equipment has helped one Torrance third grade teacher to be two or three places at once.

While Mrs. Mary Everett, Anza Elementary School teacher, is working with a group of students on handwriting, another group of children may be listening to her voice giving a spelling test, dictating arithmetic problems, reading a book, or explaining the contents of a film strip or slide being flashed on the classroom wall.

SHE USES a tape recorder and phonograph records to put herself in two or three places at once. She recently was awarded her master's degree from University of Southern California, after completing a thesis on the effects of using a tape recorder and phonograph in the classroom.

Recorders may be used for presenting new material, reviewing old material, giving tests of various kinds, playing music, or allowing the children to hear their own voices and pronunciations. Some of the quicker students can record material for the rest of the class to hear.

"STUDENTS learn by hearing as well as seeing," declares Mrs. Everett. "Recording the material ahead of time doesn't take as much time as most people think, but it does require organization. It works very well."

Generally, the method that Mrs. Everett uses is to rotate

the groups in her room. While she is working personally with one group or individual, other students will be doing some specific lesson with the tape recorder. Still other students may be engaged in various other activities.

She records readings, spelling, arithmetic, or some other lesson ahead of time, keeping in mind the groups which will be working with the recorder. She also dictates tests of various kinds—usually in spelling or arithmetic. Achievement and speed tests also can be taken by use of the recorder, enabling her to make maximum use of her class time.

Art Exhibit Planned

Oil paintings by Elsa Nelson, who studied in Sweden, Paris, and at the Los Angeles County Art Institute, will be featured in a one-man show at the Artist Sales Gallery Cooperative from Feb. 28 through March 12.

Female Employes Ask City To Square Off Health Rate

Women employed by the city are all set to ask the city council for elimination of a discrimination in the rates they must pay for group health insurance. In a petition signed by 63 of the city's female employes, the council will be asked to pay an addition to the basic \$5.75 agreed to recently.

The additional payment by the city would result in each person employed by the city—male and female—paying an additional 74 cents a month for the Blue Cross insurance plan which employes selected.

As it stands now, the rate for male employes is \$6.49 and for female employes is \$6.65 per month.

"In view of the fact that a male employe representing a men's group made the agreement to pay the difference in the cost of the two plans, we submit the following comparisons and proposed plan of pay-

ment," the petition reads. Last year the city paid \$5.54 a month for male employes and \$7.87 a month for female employes, the petition reported.

The matter will be considered by the city council Tuesday night.

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(Continued from Page 1) ling sewer facilities, he indicated.

The city has had no sheltered bus terminal since it ended a lease arrangement with a private owner for terminal facilities. During the interim, bus passengers have been using the open park as a bus depot.

BUILDING VALUES

Total building permit valuations in 1940 in Torrance were \$421,417. One permit issued in January, 1960, was more than twice that amount.



ON BISHOP'S VISIT . . . Bishop Francis Eric Bloy of the Los Angeles Diocese visited St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here recently when he confirmed nearly half a hundred new members of the Torrance and Lynwood churches. Shown here from the left Bloy; and Layreaders Alan S. Moore, Arthgar R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's; Bishop are Layreader Garth Belknap; The Rev. Huur Kinsey, and Frank Simcoe. (Herald Photo)

FIGURES ON USES OF SCHOOLS GIVEN

Community organizations used Torrance school facilities 1538 times during the last quarter of 1959, according to a report to the Board of Education. This is about 17 times a day for the period.

Leading user of the school facilities was the Torrance Recreation Department, which took out 588 permits for the period. Scout groups took out 406 permits, while college extension courses accounted for 274 permits. PTA groups used facilities 139 times, while YMCA and YWCA groups had 93 permits and Little Leaguers 24.

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