

New High School Gets Principals

Appointment of a new principal and vice-principal for the new North Torrance High school which will open in September were approved by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Dale M. Harter, presently vice-principal at Torrance High, was promoted to the post of principal at the new North Torrance High.

New vice-principal for Torrance High will be John T. Shea.

Serving as vice-principal of the new North Torrance High school will be Carl R. Ahee.

Harter has served as vice-principal of Torrance High school for the past two years. Prior to that he was a teacher at Torrance Elementary school. He is presently at work on

his doctorate at USC in addition to his administrative duties here.

Harter, who comes from Sioux City, Iowa, lives at 3435 West 226th street with his wife, Pauline, and his children, Paula, 10, and Raymond, 9.

He was high school principal in Cushing, Iowa for three years.

Clark Markets Hold Benefit Breakfast

To assist in the campaign against infantile paralysis, the Clark markets have arranged to sponsor three breakfasts at three of the Clark markets this Saturday, February 5.

The breakfasts will be served from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the following Clark markets: 1. Crenshaw at Compton Blvd., Gardena; 2. Sepulveda at Marine, Manhattan Beach and 3. Pacific Coast Highway at Hawthorne ave., Torrance.

There will be no stipulated charge for the breakfast but a representative of the March of Dimes will be on hand to accept a voluntary contribution in any amount to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis.

The breakfast menu will consist of Snow Crisp orange juice, Sperry pancakes, Folger's coffee, Clark's link sausage and Golden Creme milk, butter and syrup.



Psychological Guidance . . . Mrs. Margiebell Brown, school psychologist, here administers the Seguin form board test to a deaf person in order to test the individual's manual and mental dexterity. Object of the test is to fit the wooden blocks into the proper spaces as quickly as possible.

Full-Time Psychologist Helps Students To Adjust

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ
Going to see Torrance's school psychologist may soon be as popular as going to see Santa Claus—when the word gets around.

Torrance's first full-time psychologist is a young, attractive woman, Mrs. Margiebell Brown, herself a mother of two children.

She has been with the district since September of last year.

Her ability to arouse confidence stems from two guiding principles in which she believes firmly. First, she believes that every child must be given individual attention; and, secondly, she believes that a good psychologist is one who is not only interested in people but who also feels that the individual has it within himself to help himself.

Problems The problems with which Mrs. Brown deals range from simpler ones to the very complex. In many cases her counseling helps to straighten out these difficulties. In some instances, all she will do is make a diagnosis and refer the child to a specialist.

Sometimes a problem in-

volves simply a personality clash in a room.

Sometimes a "delinquency" problem — truancy — is discovered to be due to frustration: A child may be unable to keep up with the rest of the class and thus have a strong feeling of inadequacy and a need to "escape." A different classroom is then recommended.

Psychological guidance and counseling, instead of punishment and police action, is often the answer," Mrs. Brown said.

Exceptional Children A great deal of work is done with exceptional children. These fall into four main groups: auditory, visual, crippled, and mentally retarded.

Special classrooms are often made available to them or the children are helped to fit into the regular classroom routine.

Others Another group of children are the emotionally disturbed. Of the 12,000 elementary and high school students in this district, about 120 will see Mrs. Brown for consultation during the year, it was estimated.

Children are referred to Mrs. Brown through the principals of the various schools. Teachers and sometimes parents contact the principal and ask for the school psychologist's assistance.

In some cases a problem can be solved simply through consultation. At other times psychological tests are given.

In the more complex cases, Mrs. Brown consults with the principal, teachers, and parents as well as with the child in order to arrive at a thorough understanding of the child's problem and their work toward the best solution.

Council One of the most recent developments is the establishment of a High School Guidance Council, according to Mrs. Brown. The council meets about twice a month and consists of the school psychologist, physician, nurse, principal, vice-principal, Warren Hamilton (director of special services), and high school teachers who know the particular student in question.

The Council discusses the student's problem and tries to determine the best way of handling it.

Mrs. Brown's work comes under the school district's office of special services of which Warren Hamilton is the director. Working with Mrs. Brown is Don Mullaney, welfare and attendance supervisor.

Mrs. Brown served as school psychologist in Lennox and



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In addition, there will be displays of lampshades, knitting, water color and oil painting, ceramics, and hooked and braided rugs, all the work of adult students, according to Dr. Vernon Sheblak, director of adult education.

In order to show the actual operation of the adult classes, the machine and wood shops will hold a regular session. A demonstration of cake decorating will be held in Room 112

and public speaking demonstrations will be given in Room 101.

An invitation is extended to everyone in the Torrance area to attend the open house. Information will be available about the classes for next semester which starts Monday, February 7.

Shirley Schulz of Torrance, a sophomore at Palos Verdes College, earned honorable mention for B-plus averages during the semester just completed, according to college news sources.

Millinery classes sponsored by the Woman's Club, are being held every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue. Mrs. E. Carnelson is the instructor.

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