Library Reading Habits Of Three Age Groups Told

The Los Angeles County Public Library, identified in this area by its Torrance branch, 1345 Post Ave., North Torrance branch, 3614 174th st., and Keystone branch, 225 East Carson st., is now the sixth largest library in the United States.

This was one of the statistical facts in the Forty-third annual library report submitted today by County Librarian John D. Henderson to the Board of Supervisors.

Many of the Library's book-borrowers are children. They accounted for 2,029,607 of the total circulation figure.

Favorite Subjects

Uranium topped the list of subjects on which people sought information. Next in order were: smog, juvenile delinquency, parental guidance and child behavior, the United Nations, Congressional hearings and peace plans.

Reading habits at the library's 110 branches and 5 mobile units differed, though a sameness prevailed among similar age groups, Henderson said.

Young married couples, predominant readers at branches serving the large housing developments, read more on child psychology, home-making, build-it-yourself themes, technical and occupational subjects than other types of books.

Middle-aged readers preferred books on gardening, psychology, health and nutrition. Elderly readers most frequently chose books on religion, handicrafts, the arts.

Children's Preferences

Children maintained a steady interest in horse and dog stories. Boys in the fifth and sixth grade brackets shifted their interest from airplanes and space travel to prehistoric animals and nature books. Young adults made heavy "runs" on books dealing with etiquette, grooming, careers.

Science fiction was more popular than Western or Mysteries. Travel books nosed out biographies and adventure tales. Popular best sellers had more fans than the Classics.

LOST IN A WORLD OF BOOKS . . . Many of the library's book-borrowers are children. Here Mark Jeter, 6, of 2112 242nd st., Lomita, and Cindy Littleton, 6, of 2854 Onrado st., are seen deeply engrossed in stories while visiting the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles county public library at 1345 Post ave.—Press Photo.

272 PINTS OF BLOOD

A total of 272 pints of blood was given Monday when the Red Cross bloodmobile came to town, Mrs. Virginia Jones, local chapter chairman, announced.

This represents the biggest contribution ever made locally, she stated, saying that the tragic train wreck Sunday night caused many local residents to want to contribute.

Latest groups to contribute organizationally were the Torrance school district and the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board.

League Will Elect

Torrance Babe Ruth League will hold a meeting and election of the board of directors at CIO hall, 213th and Border avenue, on Monday, January 30, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Muriel Deasy, corresponding secretary, announced..

By-Line:

RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

'MY NAME'S FRIDAY, I WORK HERE . . .'

Torrance residents, and especially members of the Torrance City Council, should take note of the latest action taken by that industrious legislative body to the north—the Los Angeles City Council.

Members of the Los Angeles City Council, whose recent fervent interest in matters of art and health was overshadowed only by their abysmal ignorance and cowardice, have done it again!

This time, these honorable men who apparently have taken the world for their province, have stuck their joint noses for an instant into the fields of language, literature and entertainment, emerging with the universal dictum that the word "cop" be dropped from usage, because law enforcement officers, generally, "consider it derogatory."

This action was apparently timed to coincide with FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover's request that Jack Webb, the Sgt. Friday of "Dragnet," refrain from introducing his show by saying "My name's Friday. I'm a cop."

Bowing to pressure, Webb has indicated that he will say from now on: "This is the city, Los Angeles, Calif. My name's Friday. I work here . . ."

Language has always been a very dynamic thing. It is in eternal flux—like a river. Thousands of bubbling, effervescent tributaries replenish it and keep it young. Like a river, language determines its own course—pushing eternally onward toward the sea, steering clear of the highways and by-ways that run themselves blind.

The American language—especially newspaper language and the language of every-day speech—is a fascinating and sparkling idiom. It is crisp and fresh and clear and it crackles like a lusty campfire on a mystic mountain top.

We hope that law enforcement officers who are grimly playing cops and robbers day and night with thieves, rapists, and murderers, and whose duties take them into the haunts of pimps, prostitutes and dope fiends, will not suddenly turn squeamish at the sound of the word "cop"—a word that is harsh perhaps, but hardly hateful.

If these lofty linguists seated on the Los Angeles City Council wish to purge the language of all that is harsh or even coarse, so that gentility and respectability will henceforth trip lightly from every tongue, may we suggest that they start the list with the following (plus the appropriate punishments for violators):

1. Pants will be referred to as trousers (fine: loss of belt and suspenders for 90 days);

2. Cars shall be known as automobiles (fine: must ride bus . . . err, autobus, for 30 days);

3. Gis are to be called either sailors, soldiers, marines, etc. (fine: a two-year hitch with the armed service of your choice).

4 Meg will be referred to as Princess Margaret (fine: warning and reprimand for the time being and until such time as Meg will again figure in the news).

5. Crooks are to be called criminals (fine: a punch in the nose. What's-the-idea, wanna increase the crime wave?).

6. Smog will only be known as air pollution (fine: must live in Los Angeles for six months. Whatcha tryin' to do, keep stirring up people about smog,—err, air pollution—so we'll have to do something about it? It's not as simple as all that, you know!).

However, in case these angelic lawmakers find these words not to their liking, we know of a number of foul and derogatory words which are in current usage daily. In fact, we just have a hunch that even our impeccable lawmakers may have availed themselves of them at one time or another.

Should they see fit to speak out with moral indignation against all those who have indulged in such hate-mongering words and attempt in their feeble way to ban such words from usage, we might even see fit to champion their cause.

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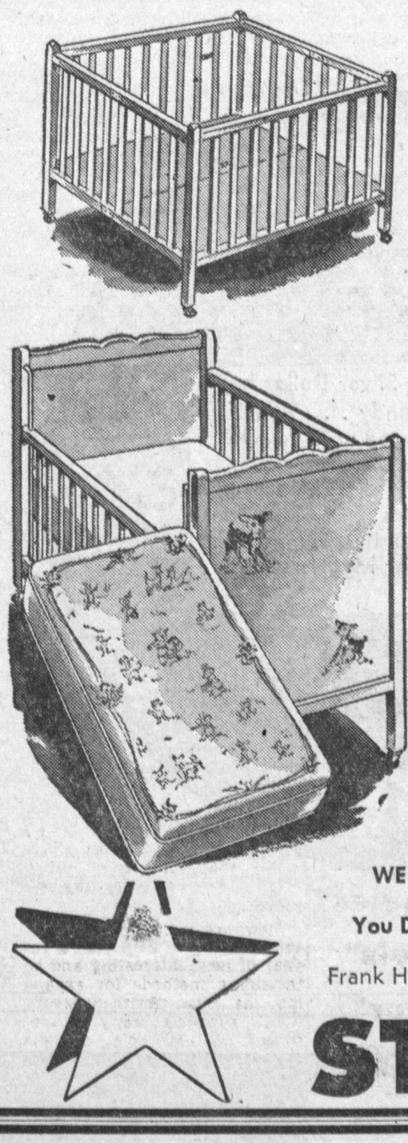

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