



NEW LEADER—Dave Figueredo, incoming president of the Torrance Optimist Club, receives congratulations from his predecessor, Harold D. Moss, right, at installation banquet Saturday night.

Second President Takes Over Murdock ECC Post

An era in the history of a college came to an end this week when Dr. Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino College for all of its 11-year history, stepped from his office for the final time.

In taking his departure, he walked unceremoniously past faculty mail boxes containing memos and other mail for more than 200 full-time instructors. When college classes opened 11 years ago, there were only 30 instructors.

The first student body of 1400 had expanded to 9600 when President Murdock greeted the last graduating class to receive associate in arts degrees under his leadership on June 20.

When he drove from his reserved parking space fronting the college Administration Building at 16007 S. Crenshaw boulevard Monday, the retiring administrator left behind him a 901-acre campus which has grown on a pay-as-you-go basis under his leadership. The site of the college, obtained free of charge, is now evaluated at a figure in excess of \$1,000,000. Buildings are valued at \$11,000,000.

In the interim period, Dr. Marsee serves in the capacity of associate superintendent of the El Camino Junior College District.

The new administrator's first day was marked by a busy meeting schedule. He met at 8:30 a.m. at a reception at which he was honored by the college Faculty Club. Later in the morning, he met with the college Board of Trustees.

At 3 p.m., representatives of the local press became acquainted with Dr. Marsee at an informal coffee session.

League Reshuffle Under Scrutiny

Plans for revamping the athletic leagues to which Torrance and other South Bay high schools belong, are being considered by administrators of the districts.

Since the C.I.F. is making plans to study reorganizing, the officials felt they should offer a plan by which the schools would be close geographically and would be roughly the same size.

Plans currently under discussion would put South, Torrance, Aviation, Beverly Hills, Lennox, El Segundo, and Culver City in one league. The other league would consist of North Torrance, Mira Costa, Redondo, Leuzinger, Inglewood, Morningside, and Hawthorne High Schools.



FITTING—Col. Daniel Cooper, outgoing USAF Plant Representative at North American Aviation, turns over swivel chair to Col. Gerald F. (Jerry) Keeling, newly assigned PR at the company. Colonel Keeling of Torrance reports to his new office at North American Aviation direct from Washington.

L. A. Schools Start Summer Session

Nearly 65,000 Los Angeles City School System students—from elementary through junior college levels—return to school next Monday to begin a six week summer session which will run through Friday, August 15, it was announced today by Superintendent of Schools Ellis A. Jarvis.

Schools will be operated in all section of the system's 850 square mile district in order to give as many of its regular students an equal opportunity to attend summer session classes. However, these sessions will be held primarily for students willing to catch up on special subjects or for those students needing special instruction.

The six week summer school period will be held in 128 schools out of the 538 operated by the Los Angeles system—including 80 elementary schools, seven junior high schools, 20 senior high schools, 14 adults schools, and seven junior colleges.

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Vandals Lead in Girls' Softball

After only two weeks of play in the Girls' Softball League, it looks like the Vandals are the team to beat. On Thursday night at WALTERIA Park they picked up their second win of the young season by belting the Pirates 9 to 1 behind the four hit pitching of Dot Nelson. She helped her own cause by getting a single and a triple herself. The Pirates looked better than last year, but still scattered their hits and committed several errors. The losing pitcher was Terrie Powers.

In the second game played at WALTERIA, Vickers Queens pounded out a 21 to 14 victory over the Spartettes. Both teams showed improvement. One of the big guns for the Queens was Maureen Sanders, who collected 4 singles in 5 trips to the plate and scored 3 runs. She was also the winning pitcher. For the Spartettes the losing pitcher was Sharon Seaholm. The Spartettes were not without the 1 hrtres, were not without their hitters, too. Helping the losing cause was Kathy Miller, who hit 2 for 2, and also Marie Acosta with 2 for 2.

In a single game played at McMaster Park on Tuesday the Devillettes managed to hang on and actually come from behind to defeat the Raiders 18 to 17. Going into the top of the 4th inning the Devillettes held a commanding 16 to 3 lead. At this point the Devillettes changed pitchers, putting in Ada Dot Hayes. She gave up 8 walks and that, combined with 3 errors and 3 hits, produced 14 runs. Up came the Devillettes, slightly shaky at this point, who proceeded to combine 3 hits with some daredevil base running to pick

up 2 runs to win the game. The losing pitcher was Sally Wenker. The second home run of the summer was scored by Mary Rease back, playing first base for the Raiders.

A year's progress in cancer research indicates there are "rough baker's dozen" of chemical compounds that show delinquent cancer killing powers, the American Cancer Society announced recently. However, the only cures for cancer as yet established are surgery and radiation.

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