

Fourth Branch of Library To Open at El Retiro Park

Library reading was at an all-time high in this area last year. Local residents borrowed 28,886 more books than were borrowed in any previous year from the Torrance Library and its two branches, Waverly, at 3815 West 242nd St. and North Torrance at 2614 West 174th St. The total number of books checked out for home reading amounted to \$77,195.

These figures were released by Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, head of the County Library's Torrance-South Bay region. The Torrance-South Bay region includes branches in six other near-by communities. It is supervised

from headquarters maintained at the main Torrance Library, 1345 Post Avenue.

Fourth Branch to Open

The opening of the city's fourth branch at 126A Vista del Parque is only awaiting the installation of shelving and furniture. The city recently completed the construction of the 2800 sq. ft building, already christened "El Retiro," and is to supply the necessary shelving and furniture. A staff has been assigned to operate it. Mrs. Jamieson reported, and 9100 books have been assembled for its collection. 2500 books have been selected for the children's section, and 6600 for

the adult and reference shelves. Circulation gain, region-wide, also set a record last year. The increase amounted to 118,162, and was greater than was experienced in any of the other seven regions the County Library operates. The combined regional branches loaned a total of 715,699 books.

New Books Weekly

Regional bookstock is selected and purchased by the regional librarian from titles recommended by a group of subject specialists working out of the County Library's central headquarters. It included 121,713 volumes when the last count was made in November. More have been added as new shipments arrive weekly. All books are processed before being shipped to the regions, so they are ready for reader use as soon as they arrive.

Books on specialized subjects for which there is no great popular demand are kept at regional headquarters and sent to the various branches on request. They are always available to readers who patronize the headquarters branch or visit it for research study. The headquarters reference collection is especially strong and is used by advanced students and others.

County Books Available

In addition to books in the regional collection, every reader has the opportunity of drawing on the entire county collection for any book which is not at a branch or in the regional bookstock. Librarian Jamieson reported that the county collection includes 1,300,000 books. She explained that every book is listed by title, author and subject matter in a series of book catalogs kept in every branch. She added that any reader may request any book

listed. If it is not available at the local branch or region (and not being used by some prior borrower), it will be forwarded to the reader's branch in a minimum period of time. If the book is not in the county collection, but is available on the market and meets the standards of the County Library, it is immediately ordered.

Science Books Popular

"Great effort is made to select books that meet the reading needs of local users," Mrs. Jamieson said. Last year she made heavy purchases in the field of science. Books on a variety of science subjects were bought for the layman, the student and the expert. Adult reading was also heavy in current technological books.

Teen-age boys, as a whole, preferred fiction and factual books that dealt with the two World Wars. Teen-age girls showed a preference for romance and career books, while children, Mrs. Jamieson said, "clamored for space books."

Classics Replenished

Titles from the classics and representative modern fiction were also purchased in large



GROUND-BREAKING—Unofficial work is started on the new Central Torrance Little League Park at General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance refinery. From left: Fred King, assistant manager of the refinery; James W. Wayt, president of the league, with baseball bat; John A. Tweedy, league treasurer, turning over the first spade of earth; A. E. Thompson, manager of General Petroleum's refinery.



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quantities, some to strengthen the collection, some to replace worn-out books.

Occasionally "runs" develop on old titles. There was a "run" on "Gone With the Wind," occasioned by its having been assigned as required reading in some of the schools.

Currently Mrs. Jamieson is buying a variety of new titles in mathematics, electronics, navigation, rockets and do-it-yourself books for the homeowner. "I don't believe we could ever get enough mystery stories," is the way she characterized that subject.

Goal Is 100,000 Books

The county's plan is to develop a permanent bookstock of at least 100,000 volumes in each headquarters branch. They hope to accomplish that objective in the next five to seven years, noted Mrs. Jamieson.

As an aid to the increasing

General Petroleum Site Used for Little League Ball Park

Unofficial work on a new General Petroleum Corporation park for the Central Torrance Little League was started this week when Little League and officials turned over the first shovel of dirt at the Central League's new site at General Petroleum's refinery.

A. E. Thompson, manager, and Fred King, assistant manager of the refinery, and James W. Wayt, president of the league, and John Tweedy, treasurer, took part in the ceremony.

The oil company has leased several acres of unused land at its refinery for use by the Central League. Actual grading and construction is expected to begin soon. Plans call for the first diamond to be completed in time for the opening game May 9.

The Central League is composed of six "major" and six "farm" teams plus a training team. Wayt estimated that more than 200 boys between ages 8 and 12 will participate in the Central League this Spring and Summer. The league's former site was in the path of the new San Diego Freeway.

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OBITUARIES

POWER, RODNEY ALLAN, age 3, of 627 Lincoln, Wilmington. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Power, 3 brothers, Gary, Larry and Johnny, 2 sisters, Sheila and Kay Lynn, grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Power, Lomita. Services were held February 27, 1959, at HALVERSON LEAVELL MORTUARY CHAPEL, Interment, Dos Palos cemetery, Dos Palos, Calif.

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