

Walter Hetz To Take a Sabbatical

Walter Hetz, physical education instructor at North High School, who recently saved the lives of two boys in a dramatic sea rescue, has been granted a sabbatical leave by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District.

Hetz will spend seven months in Europe studying physical fitness programs.

"I have been looking forward to visiting Europe to see the winter Olympics in Germany," Hetz said.

Hetz and family, his wife, Bertine, and their two daughters, Nancy, 11, and Tracy, 9, will leave for Europe from New York by airplane next December and return in July.

They will travel through

Germany, Switzerland, Spain, France, England, and Scandinavian countries, where Hetz will be visiting gymnastic camps. He is the gymnastics teacher at North High School.

Hetz began his teaching career at Lawndale Elementary School and has been teaching for six years at North High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree, a

Advisory Board Meets

The Advisory Board of Little Company of Mary Hospital will hold a meeting, April 4, at 8 p.m. in the hospital library conference room.

Robert Eisleben, assistant administrator, said that reports will be made by various committees of the advisory board.

Master of Science degree and presently is working for a doctor's degree.

Masten Gregory Signed to Drive Harvey Special

Masten Gregory, a Kansas City boy turned Parisian, has been signed to drive one of the Harvey Aluminum Specials at Indianapolis according to Mickey Thompson, who built Harvey's cars.

Gregory, 31, is a 10-year veteran of the Grand Prix circuit. He will pilot one of the 1962 models in the Harvey factory team. Earlier, Gregory completed the series of driver familiarization tests at the Speedway track, driving the Chevy-powered rear-engine car.

"From an endurance standpoint, I consider Indianapolis a difficult race, but it's something I've always wanted to do with the proper type of car," said Gregory.

A daring driver, the slight built American-Parisian jumped from his first race in November, 1952, at Caddo Milk (Tex.) to the 1953 Sebring event. In 1957, Gregory won the world's

Other drivers signed for championship sports car race in Buenos Aires, and was a member of the 1959 Cooper factory team, the year Jock Brabham won the driving championship. During the 1962 season, Gregory won the Swedish Grand Prix and placed second in the Danish Grand Prix.

The Harvey Aluminum Specials are Graham Hill, 1962 world driving champion, and Bill Krause, veteran sports car pilot.

Lions Clubs Drag Strip Aids Others

Drag racing, which started as illegal street contests between young hot rodders, is rapidly becoming a top spectator sport in Southern California.

According to officials at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach, drag strips have taken the young car enthusiasts off the streets and given them a safe place to race their cars. Since the Lions Strip opened, eight years ago, the instances of street drag racing in the Harbor Area are almost nil.

Nowadays, dragsters are custom made vehicles, skillfully constructed, and raced only on legitimate drag strips.

Lions Drag Strip, sponsored by nine Harbor Area Lions Clubs, including the Torrance Lions, donates all profits to charity, and the profits are consistently on the increase.

In the past two years, the Lions Clubs distributed \$78,480 to their various Harbor Area charities as a result of the weekly Saturday night drag meets. Total attendance

for 1962 was 307,737, an average of 6839 per meet, as compared to 243,335 and an average of 5793 in 1961.

The '62 total of 307,737 placed the Lions Strip in ninth place for sports attendance in Southern California.

The approximate figures go like this: 1. Dodgers, 1.5 million; 2. Hollywood Park, 1.4 million; 3. Santa Anita, 1.2 million; 4. Angels, 1 million; 5. Rams, 600,000; 6. Los Alamitos, 500,000; 7. USC football, 450,000; 8. Del Mar Race Track, 450,000; 9. Lions Drag Strip, 300,000; 10. Lakers, 225,000.

The Lions strip is located right at the Alameda street exit ramp of the San Diego Freeway in North Long Beach. Eliminations start at 7 p.m., qualifying from 2:30 p.m.

PTA to Show Film

Walt Disney's movie "Pollyanna" will be shown by the Howard Wood PTA in the school cafeteria at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 1963. Hot dogs, popcorn and punch will be served from 12 noon, all for small donations.

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Cancer Crusade Gets Up a Head of Steam

"We're working hard to make this year's Cancer Crusade the most successful drive in our history," said Ronald Rich, district Crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society. He announced appointment of Mrs. Michalida Connors, industrial relations manager, Aeronca Mfg. Corp. as Torrance-Gardena area chairman for the Commerce and Industry section of the Crusade.

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