



DR. LEE SWANSON At El Camino

Dean Makes Mark With 400 Units

Newly appointed dean of communications at El Camino College, Dr. Lee Swanson, has a classroom track record few can outdistance. He has compiled a total of 47 semesters of education while earning more than 400 units of credit.

Dr. Swanson started his impressive college record at Valley City State College where he earned his BA in geography. At UCLA, some years later, he earned his MA and PhD in higher education.

Coming to El Camino on an internship through the Kellogg Fellowship Society five years ago, Dr. Swanson first worked in research and placement. Of his present assignment in communications, he says, "This division is working on many ways to better the college students' awareness of happenings around him."

A MEMBER of Kiwanis, Masons, the Parent-Teacher Association, National Education Association, California Teachers Association, and Phi Delta Kappa, the dean of communications has been honored as "Citizen of the Month" in his home city of Manhattan Beach, where he lives with his wife, Nona. His daughter, Patricia, is currently attending Stevens College.

Dr. Swanson has been the principal of three elementary schools, coach at two high schools and the assistant superintendent of the Manhattan School District. Before coming to California, he was a teacher in Butte, N.D.

He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean Wars, winning five Battle Stars and two Presidential Company Citations. Also a survivor of the London Blitz, Dr. Swanson was one of the first American soldiers to land on the beach at Normandy.

TRAVELING is one of the favorite pastimes of the Swanson family. The Swansons have been in almost every state in the union and most of Europe and South-eastern Asia.

"We've traveled to Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Korea and some day we are going to go back," Dr. Swanson commented.

Busy as he is, he's on seven-day recall to active duty in Viet Nam and is a Lt. Col. in the Army Intelligence Corps.

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Lower Tax Rate Saves \$250,000

Torrance taxpayers are saving a quarter of a million dollars this year as a result of a 9-cent per \$100 tax cut in the Torrance school tax levy for 1965-66, according to J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

County Board of Supervisors last month set the official rate for the current school year as \$4.4263 per \$100 valuation. Last year's rate was \$4.5205.

Hull attributed the 9-cent-plus cut to economies in operating costs affected by the Board of Education. "School finances are in good shape," Hull said, "due to careful management of tax override funds by the board."

A breakdown of the 1965-66 Torrance school taxes is as follows: Current operating expenses, \$3,0633; employe retirement, \$,0618; teacher retirement, \$,1052; employe social security, \$,0320; community service, \$,1000; state loan repayment, \$,0777; and bond interest and redemption, \$,9863.

New Record In Earnings Set by Bank

Imperial Bank continues to maintain a record earning rate set in the first half of 1965, according to a statement just released by the bank.

Net operating earnings for the nine months which ended Sept. 30 reached \$236,517.81—up from the \$133,406 for the same period in 1964.

George Eltinge, chairman of the board, and George Graziadio, president of the bank, attributed the record increase in earnings to the bank's policy of limiting acceptance of large unstable deposits, such as Certificates of Deposit, and conservative lending procedures.

Obituaries

Murvin Miller

Funeral services for Murvin Calith Miller, 59, of 17809 Crenshaw Blvd., were held yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Torrance. Mr. Miller died Thursday in a San Pedro hospital.

A native of Missouri, Mr. Miller had lived in the area for the past 36 years. He was a member of the Torrance Masonic Lodge 447, the Order of Eastern Star, and an employe's club at the National Supply Co.

Surviving are his widow, Clara; a daughter, Marjorie Nagy of Torrance; two sisters; two brothers, and eight grandchildren.

... Pilots

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Woman Hurt In Parking Lot Crash

A 54-year-old woman sustained minor injuries Friday afternoon in a parking lot collision.

Rose Mae Jordan of 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy. refused medical attention at the scene. She suffered a minor cut when her car and one driven by Stanley Bruce Fain, 42, of Wilmington collided in the parking lot on the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

Three persons escaped injuries in a three-car collision at Hawthorne Avenue and 182nd Street Friday evening.

Drivers of the three cars were Gilbert Wayne Schultz Jr., 27, of El Segundo, Masaru Kameya, 36, of 437 Calle de Aragon, and Frank John Buardy, 34, of Manhattan Beach. All three cars sustained light damage in the 7:40 p.m. accident.

... Burglars

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Swank told police. He valued the items at about \$500.

Earlier Friday afternoon, a security guard at a department store was nearly run down by two women burglars. Christine Kubisiak told police she had followed the two women from the store after they had stuffed several items of clothing into a straw purse.

The guard told officers she approached the car and identified herself. One of the women pushed her away from the car and then attempted to run over her while fleeing from the area.

THEFT of his wallet, containing about \$40 and personal papers, was reported early Saturday by John Savage of 25206 Loytan St. Savage told police the theft occurred about 4 a.m.

Tires valued at \$225 were taken from a service station at 18605 Western Ave., according to Rudy Moreno. He told police the theft occurred late Thursday evening or early Friday. The thief broke a window in the station.

A light meter and a suede jacket were taken from an automobile owned by Melvyn Steinberg of 24035 Ocean Ave. Steinberg said the car had been parked in the carport area Thursday evening.

Elaine De Loe, who lives in the same apartment building, told police her apartment was entered, but she had found nothing missing.

A NORTH Torrance home also was entered and ransacked Friday, police said. Three men were seen leaving the home shortly before 10 p.m. Lena Jane Baker, who was asleep in the house, said nothing had been taken.

Theft of \$30.45 in coins from a telephone booth at 3328 W. Carson St. also was reported. The thief also took the coin box, valued at \$82.

Assessor Seeks New Trainees

Nine trainee positions in the data processing and systems division of the County Assessor's Department are now open, County Assessor Phil Watson announced today.

Written examinations covering reasoning skills, speed of perception, and numerical and spatial problem solving will be administered Oct. 14, 19, and 21, at 5 a.m. in the county Civil Service Department, Room 493, Hall of Administration, 222 N. Grand Ave., in downtown Los Angeles.

Applicants, who must be graduates of a four-year accredited college, should appear by 8:15 a.m. on exam mornings to fill out the required application forms. Those passing the written tests will be scheduled for oral interviews the same afternoon.

After a year as a trainee at \$530 a month salary, graduates will become eligible for the position of assistant programmer analyst, starting at \$695 monthly, with advancement to \$776. Other higher level positions include programmer analyst, \$735-\$914, and senior programmer analyst, \$819-\$1,020.

Extension Class Set On Music

A revolutionary method of teaching music based on a system developed in Hungary is offered by the extension division of UCLA at Yukon School. The first class was held Thursday.

The two-credit course will meet Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the music room, 17815 Yukon Ave. Instructor is Robert Simon, music teacher in the Torrance Unified School District, and co-author of "Threshold to Music," textbook due for publication next March.

Designed for teachers of first through eighth grade who have had little or no musical training, the course will emphasize basic musical skills aimed at helping the individual teacher gain musicianship and understanding of music as a language.

Based on the system developed by Zoltan Kodaly in Hungary, the method to be taught will deal with teaching children to read music through the creative process of hearing, feeling and writing. For the past year and one half the method has met with success in England, Canada, Oregon and New York.

A series of vocal and instrumental texts based on the new method are being developed by Simon.



ORTALE AIDE . . . Carl Retzlaff, 25-year veteran in the automotive service trade, has joined Al Ortale Rambler as service manager. Retzlaff has served as manager of several service departments for Southern California dealers and as head of a manufacturer's service division for 12 years. A resident of Hawthorne, the new local Rambler serviceman is the father of two children. He is an avid bowling and fishing enthusiast.

Man Takes Own Life With Gun

A 33-year-old Torrance man, apparently despondent over a girl friend, took his own life late Friday afternoon.

The body of Richard Dale Boal was found in a wooden lawn chair at the rear of his home, 2360 Torrance Blvd., shortly before 4 p.m. Friday. Police found a 20-gauge shotgun near the body.

The dead man was discovered by his 19-year-old brother, who had just returned from work. Three badly scribbled notes also were found, police said.

Boal apparently propped the gun against his forehead and pulled the trigger.

The body was removed to Niland Mortuary in Torrance.

Supervisors Cite Watson For Awards

County Assessor Philip Watson and Robert C. Mason, senior appraiser, have been commended by the Board of Supervisors for winning top awards at the recent Conference of Assessing Officers held in Houston.

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Church Will Hold Three Day Assembly

To stimulate local interest in the resistance of Jehovah's Witnesses to communism, the Torrance congregation will hold a three-day assembly at Redondo Union High School Oct. 29 through 31.

"At a time when the democratic world is seeking ways and means to stop the progress of communism, a force is active that is emerging victorious over this mighty godless 'ism. It is the dynamic force of zealous Christianity as practiced by Jehovah's Witnesses world wide and particularly behind the Iron Curtain," said Leonard Giff, presiding minister of the local church.

The climax of the assembly will be held Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. with a public lecture titled "What Does the Resurrection of the Dead Mean for You and Yours?"

Cubs Induct New Members, Get Awards

Presentation of awards and the induction of five new Cub Scouts highlighted the first meeting of Cub Pack 732C at Torrance Park.

Awards were presented to Steven Dull, Steve Kelly, Gregg Carroll, and Paul Bray. Promoted to the rank of Bear were Frank Algoim and Steven Dull. Cub of the Month award was presented to David Smith. Mrs. Evelyn Kucherer, den mother for three years, was honored in a farewell ceremony.

Inducted into the pack were Vincent Masulaitis, John Cross, Steven and Jon Henninger, and Greg Stiger.

Plans to form a third den were announced, with Mrs. Nina Homes serving as den mother. Further information is available by telephoning 328-1547.

Alondra Park Methodist Church Begins Campaign

Alondra Park Methodist Church has begun a Stewardship Crusade to raise funds for construction of a new sanctuary. Robert LeFrancois will direct the campaign, which seeks to raise \$70,000.

Edward Spryer, chairman of the church building committee, said the new sanctuary will cost \$150,000. Supervising the campaign will be the Rev. B. J. Usher, associate director of finance and field service of the Board of Missions of the Southern California-Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church. The board provides leadership and counseling for churches on building fund drives, budgets, and debts.

The Rev. Usher will deliver the sermons at services Oct. 17 and 24, according to the Rev. Dr. Carroll Word, pastor of the church.

Area Office Is Presented Safety Award To Be Held

Scheduled to appear at the Golf Show at Dodger Stadium Wednesday through Sunday, will be a top name in golf.

Bud Holscher, who last month won the California Open, will do his share of drives at the hole-in-one. Also present will be Norm Manley, 8-year-old Beverly Klass, Mike Austin and Jimmie Thompson.

Queen of the Golf Show is film star Cheryl Miller. The award was accepted by David K. Cohee, Inglewood/Torrance district manager.

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