



BMHS PAGEANT . . . Gary Bouchard, set designer for the Bishop Montgomery Christmas Pageant, discusses final arrangements with Mary Ann Buckley and Sue Osterman. The two girls took all the slides which will be used in the program. Bouchard is shown with a miniature of the set designs. The program will be presented Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ballet Numbers Highlight School's Christmas Show

Ballet will be included in the annual Bishop Montgomery High School Christmas Pageant this weekend.

Performances are scheduled Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee slated at 2:30 in the afternoon. Tickets will be available at the door.

Sister Rita Francis, CSJ, Sister Celine Marie, CSJ, and Sister Rose Margaret, CSJ, have planned the pageant around the Glee Club and a slide presentation. Miss Eleanor Taylor, a 1965 graduate of the school, will have a prominent role.

The Ballet production will feature Paulette Olsen, Jan Crawford, Michael Cortum, and Michele Simon. Miss Olsen will perform the Russian "Trepak." The entire group will present "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies." Miss Olsen created the choreography for both numbers.

Miss Taylor, remembered for her presentation last year, once again will sing "O Holy Night."

A 90-voice chorus composed of the Montgomery Glee Club and the Freshmen Choral classes will present the finale, "Hallelujah Chorus."

Stage settings, symbolizing a modern city, were designed by Gary Bouchard.

Slides for the program, which will be shown to a narration, were made by Mary Ann Buckley and Sue Osterman. The girls ranged from Pershing Square to the

Watt Wins National Citation

R. A. Watt, Inc., of Gardena, one of the nation's leading construction and land development companies, has received a Special Award in a national merchandising competition, sponsored annually by Practical Builder Magazine, one of the industry's top trade publications.

This is the third time in as many years that the company has received national recognition for its merchandising programs.

The top award was presented for "Adapting Merchandising to Meet Local Markets," in competition with more than 200 of the nation's home building corporations. The winning entry featured the merchandising programs for Palo del Amo Woods in the South Bay area, and Mount Washington-West in the Highland Park area.

The award was presented to company President Ray Watt in Chicago, Dec. 6, at the annual convention of the National Association of Home Builders.

The merchandising concepts of these developments were directed by Harold H. Litten, director of public relations and advertising.

The advertising agency for R. A. Watt, Inc., is Max W. Becker, Advertising. Serving as account supervisor is Donald R. Kracke, vice president-creative services.

Educators Speak Out

'Temporary Confusion' Price of Federal Help

By LEONARD KREIDT
Education News Service
"Temporary confusion is one of the prices we pay to get needed federal aid for our schools."

This quotation from Dr. Willard Spalding, director of the California Coordinating Council on Higher Education, pretty well sums up the feelings of state educators at all levels about new and existing federal education aid programs.

Testifying before the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Education in San Francisco, they decried indirect federal control, overlapping and duplication, resulting in a new administrative workloads, uncertain fund commitments and a host of other difficulties. But no one denounced the federal government for making the funds available.

AND NONE of the witnesses indicated they would refuse to apply for the money.

The committee, headed by Sen. Richard J. Dolwig of San Mateo, was looking for ideas as to how the State Legislature could improve the coordination of state and

federal aid programs, but the nature of the problems presented indicated the improvement will have to be a federal, more than a state, responsibility.

Here are some examples presented by the witnesses:

- Federal delay in supplying rules and regulations for the Higher Education Act of 1965 is delaying Dr. Spalding's staff in estimating the amount of matching funds the state will have to supply.
- The State Department of Education faces a dilemma in that it must certify that a proposed project will not duplicate another Federally-aided project, yet federal officials deal directly with local, non-educational agencies in setting up projects under

the Economic Opportunity Act and the state has no way of ascertaining where and what they are.

- Dr. William Cunningham, superintendent of Hayward Unified District, commented that "we learn how to write programs so they will be approved" in testifying as to the reality of indirect federal influence on local curricula.
- Cunningham also complained that there is uncertainty as to which of the federal programs will fund a particular local project. He pointed out that his district's remedial reading program is funded under the Economic Opportunity Act this year, but will be under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 next year.

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He also said next year's fund commitment is unknown, which leads to further administrative headaches.

• Dr. Fred Fox, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools, said that in cases where the district advances funds for a program with the expectation of the federal reimbursement, the repayment lags from 60 to 90 days and "we can never be sure it will be a 100 per cent reimbursement."

Among recommendations by the witnesses were these: Give policy power in federal aid implementation to the State Board of Education and administrative authority to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, channel federal aid through state structural and construction agencies, not directly to local districts, that some small agencies.

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