



**DRAMA PROGRAM . . .** Shelley Lessin, who will supervise a new youth drama program sponsored by the Redondo Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, tries to help Robin Phelps and Wedin Wolfson. Robin, 11, is checking her script and needs help with a cue, while Edwin, also 11, is trying to aim that spotlight in the right direction. Rehearsals for the program's first two productions begin this week. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Youth Drama Program Drug Abuse Problems Explained Will Begin Tomorrow

One of the most unique children's drama programs in this area will get under way tomorrow in Redondo Beach, according to Miss Shelley Lessin of the Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department.

### . . . Dump

(Continued from Page A-1) had been selected and also said a petition containing 1,049 signatures in opposition to the dump operation had been declared invalid.

A CHECK with Stanley Swarts of the Torrance Planning Department failed to turn up any evidence that the petition is invalid, a spokesman for the homeowners said. Swarts also denied any contact with Burke in relation to the proposed dump.

Burke told residents of the area he would give 4.2 acres of land at the west end of the proposed dump to the city, provided the city would develop a night baseball diamond and Olympic-size pool by the summer of 1967.

Residents attending the meeting said Burke told them the park offer was made "to pacify you."

PLANS FOR the dump were first presented to the city's Planning Commission Sept. 7. At that time, action was delayed and a 60-day study ordered of the proposed operation.

Representatives of the area will meet with a committee from the Planning Commission Wednesday to discuss objections to the proposed dump.

Commissioners are scheduled to hear reports on the matter Nov. 2.

Open to children between 6 and 14 years of age, the program will involve productions of plays by playwrights ranging from Shakespeare to James Thurber.

The nine-month program will begin with productions at Fulton Elementary School, 525 Earle Lane, and Washington Elementary School, 1100 Lillienthal Lane.

Rehearsals at Fulton School will begin tomorrow and are scheduled each Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 until 5 p.m. Rehearsals at Washington School will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 until 5 p.m.

Miss Lessin said the program is open to youngsters throughout the area.

## Tiny Tots Activities Under Way

Fall classes for tiny tots have begun at three Torrance Parks, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

Classes are scheduled at El Nido Park, 18301 Kingsdale Ave.; McMaster Park, 3624 W. Artesia Blvd.; and Waleria Park, 3855 W. 242nd St.

The El Nido class, under the direction of Miss Karen Croissant, meets each Monday from 10 a.m. until noon. Miss Croissant also is in charge of the McMaster Park class, which meets each Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until noon.

Waleria Park classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon. They are under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Pestoff.

The program is open to children between 4 and 6 and is designed to provide recreational and group experiences through a variety of activities and games. Field trips also are part of the 12-week program.

Additional information may be obtained from Miss Croissant at McMaster Park

## AT END OF THE YEAR

# Realtor Predicts Thaw In Tight Money Market

The current "tight money" situation in real estate may begin to loosen up a bit at the end of the year, but interest rates will never be as low as they were prior to the freeze, a Torrance realtor suggested Thursday.

Fred L. Fredericks, owner of Fredericks Realty here, told members of the West Torrance Lions' Club he sees some signs of a thaw in the real estate market. "There will be plenty of money," he said, "for those who want to pay for it."

In a brief address on "Where the Money's Gone," Fredericks told members of the club one of the state's most lucrative real estate markets has done a virtual about face in the past six months. But, he warned, the



FRED L. FREDERICKS At Lions' Meeting

tight money situation is not local — it's a national problem.

THE CURRENT real estate freeze affects nearly every industry in the nation, he declared, and has put many contractors "virtually out of business."

Spiraling interest rates on savings, being paid by banks which suddenly became competitive with savings and loan associations, kicked off the freeze, he said. As a result, he said, savings and loan associations have lost funds and, since they are principal sources of home financing, the result was a slowdown in the real estate market.

Loss of money by the savings and loan groups, coupled with inadequate income tax withholding rates last year, are prime factors in the present tight money market, Fredericks told the Lions.

FREDERICKS also said savings and loan associations suffered other losses when the federal government cut off a line of credit which had permitted the groups to borrow up to 17 per cent of their total assets.

As a result, he said, home buyers are facing increased fees when they want to assume existing loans and, in some instances, escalation clauses in deeds are being invoked to increase interest rates on existing loans.

Fredericks also said some 90 per cent of all new loans being made today are requiring impound accounts—used to pay taxes and insurance. Such accounts, he said, give the savings and loan associations additional funds which they can use without paying interest on them.

But, Fredericks said, there have been some good points to the freeze. One of the most important, he said, is that real estate prices are being stabilized. And, he added, the local real estate market is still one of the best in the nation.



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## Educators Discuss New Approaches to English

Within the next two years, today's English textbooks will be destined for the scrap heap. The State of California will replace them with new texts emphasizing the latest thinking on how to teach students to use their language properly.

How Torrance is preparing for the changeover was discussed last week by a panel of local educators at a luncheon meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance.

Panelists included: Robert Allen, curriculum consultant; Dr. Dale Wickstrom, principal; Miss Patricia Lawler, South High English teacher, and Mrs. Barbara Harshaw, Wood Elementary School teacher.

TO PREPARE for the new texts, according to Allen, Torrance last summer set up a committee of ten teachers to

plan a new course of study. The materials they developed, Dr. Wickstrom said, are presently being printed. During the coming year, English teachers throughout the district will familiarize themselves with new material at training meetings and will try the materials out in their classes.

After they use them, they will evaluate the materials and the committee will rewrite them based on the teachers' suggestions. At the end of this time, they will recommend the new curriculum to the board of education. Following adoption by the board, the new material will be used on a districtwide basis.

What changes will be evident in the new approach to English?

ACCORDING to Miss Lawler, there will be less emphasis on the rules of language and more emphasis on the "why" behind the rules. High school English students won't be studying grammar per se, she said. Instead, they will have a three-dimensional approach to English: literature, composition, and language.

In the future, she said, there will be more liaison between high schools and elementary schools and between universities and high schools so that the transition will not be traumatic but merely a change of pace.

"Students will be taught to appreciate the English language as an art form," stated Mrs. Harshaw. "We want them not only to know how to use their language but to take pleasure in using it." Writing will be stressed in the seventh and eighth grades. "Our primary goal," stated Allen, "is articulate students. To achieve this goal," he concluded, "students will have to write, and write, and write."

## Dedication Scheduled

Dedication ceremonies for the newly completed swimming pool at Carson Park, 21411 S. Orrick Ave., will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Residents of the area have been invited by Hahn to attend and participate in the ceremonies. Guests will be asked to sign a large scroll which will be displayed at the park.

Sak Yamamoto, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the ceremonies. The Carson High School Band and Boy Scout Troop 230 will have roles in the event, Hahn said.

The pool, which includes dressing rooms, shower facilities, and parking for 36 cars, will be opened to the public following the ceremonies.



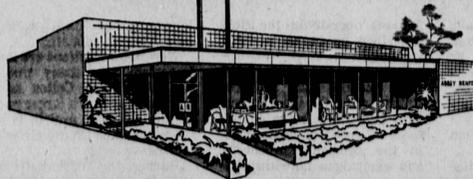
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