



MESSAGE FOR IDAHO . . . Taping a message to send to a third grade class in a small town in Idaho are Donald Shearer and Laura Bell, third grade students at Wright Elementary School. The class has been corresponding with their teacher's mother's class in Weippe since last September. Pictured with them is their teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Kemper.

L.A. Schools Will End Mid-Year Graduations

The current graduation system in the Los Angeles City School District which permits graduation in winter as well as summer is being reworked to allow only June graduations, according to School Superintendent Jack P. Crowther.

Pamphlets are being mailed to parents explaining the change to an annual promotion system which was approved by the City Board of Education last month. It tells parents that students may now be losing up to 15 days of instructional time a year because classes are reorganized twice a year.

THE ELEMENTARY school pamphlet also discusses such matters as kindergarten enrollment, first grade enrollment, placement of pupils, transition classes and summer school.

"Beginning in 1969, kindergarten pupils will be admitted to elementary schools only in September of each year. No pupils therefore can be accepted in February," the pamphlet states.

By state law, a child must be 4 years and 9 months of age on or before September 1 if he is to be admitted to kindergarten under the annual promotion plan.

"Thus, all pupils who will reach their fifth birthdays on or before December 2, 1969, will be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September.

Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz says the Labor Department has received 683 proposals from private firms in the 50 largest cities to hire and train nearly 61,000 hard-core unemployed.

1969," the pamphlet continues.

Beginning with the fall semester, 1969, only those pupils whose sixth birthdays fall on or before December 2, 1969, will be admitted to the first grade.

DISCUSSING the important matter of pupil placement, the pamphlet advises the parent that when the annual promotion plan begins in September, 1969, pupils who have been enrolled in mid-year classes will need to be moved ahead half a grade or to remain in the same grade for an additional semester. To decide which assignment is more desirable, parent conferences will be held.

The teacher of each mid-year pupil will gather the information needed for this purpose and will make a recommendation to the parent. If the parent disagrees with

the recommendation, the parent's decision regarding the pupil's placement will be accepted.

TO PREPARE for this changeover, counselors will hold conferences this fall with parents of all pupils in mid-year classes in grades 7-10. The meeting will be designed to determine the proper placement of each pupil at the time of changeover.

"The pupil's counselor will provide the parent with the information needed for the conference and will make a recommendation regarding the pupil's placement on the basis of his record," the pamphlet states.

"At the conclusion of this conference, the parent will be expected to make a decision regarding whether or not the pupil will be moved ahead or will remain an additional semester," it indicates.

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Fillman, McCandless Burglary Win Board Positions Suspects Arrested

Harry P. McCandless, president of the El Camino College board of trustees, and Arthur Fillman, mathematics instructor at the college, have been elected to the board of directors of the California Junior College Association.

Both Fillman and McCandless are representatives from El Camino to Region 6 of the CICA organization and were elected to represent faculty and trustee sections, respectively, for the local region.

Fillman, who has been a member of the El Camino faculty since 1954, has served for the past two years as president of the ECC Academic Senate. A graduate of Compton College, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Southern California.

McCandless has been a member of the El Camino Board of Trustees since 1964 and has served as president of the college governing body

since July. He retired in 1965 after 28 years as superintendent of the Redondo Beach City School District.



ARTHUR FILLMAN



HARRY P. McCANDLESS

Two burglary suspects, suspected of being dope users, were arrested Monday evening in the parking lot of Foods Market, 17500 Crenshaw Blvd., after they had been asked to leave by the market's security agent.

Booked were Gary R. Warden, 28, of Paramount, and Robert K. Bruno, 25, of Compton. Officers said both men had red, swollen puncture marks on their arms, indicating possible use of narcotics.

Burglary charges were added when police discovered numerous small appliances stashed in the suspects' car.

Sunbather Buried Under Cement Blocks

A Torrance woman was reported in satisfactory condition Tuesday at Gardena Memorial Hospital after a cement block wall collapsed on her.

Mrs. Vera I. T. McCallick, 37, of 3920 Redondo Beach Blvd., Apt. 5, was sunning herself by her apartment house pool Monday at 11 a.m. when a car driven by Jean Eswein of Apt. 29 accidentally backed into the nearby wall, toppling cement blocks onto the victim.

Police said the wall was poorly constructed and did not conform to city building code provisions.

Lecture for Single Men And Women

Friends Finders Institute will present a day-long Mini-Marathon for single men and women Sunday at the ESP Lab Lecture Room in Los Angeles under the direction of Alice Thornton and Mary Deseree.

Scheduled from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the marathon will explore the man-woman dating relationship.

Advance registration is required. Those who wish to participate may call FFI or write to 104 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90004, for complete program and enrollment form.

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